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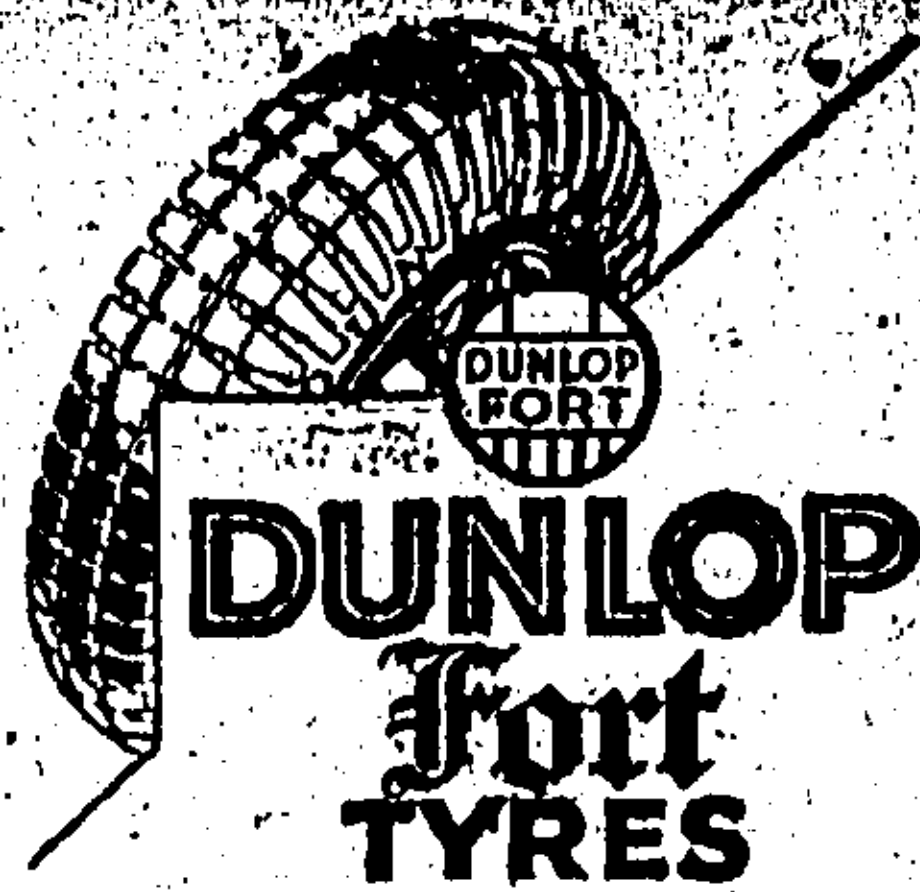
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ABYSSINIAN TOWN BESIEGED

ATTACK BY ITALIAN TROOPS ALLEGED

APPEAL FOR LEAGUE OF NATIONS' AID

Geneva, Jan. 3.
The Abyssinian Government has lodged a telegraphic appeal with the League of Nations, alleging that Italian troops are massing near the town of Gerlogubi and that they attacked the Abyssinian garrison there on December 28.

The message adds that two of the defenders were killed and two wounded and that Italian aircraft are now flying over the town and tanks can be seen reconnoitring in the neighbourhood.

The Abyssinian Government requests action under Article XI of the League Covenant and the pressing of every measure to effectively safeguard peace.

The Secretary-General of the League of Nations has replied to Adis Ababa, telegraphing the Abyssinian communication meanwhile to members of the League Council which is to meet on January 11.—*Reuter*.

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Geneva, Jan. 3.
Abyssinia has lodged an appeal to the League of Nations under Article XI of the League Covenant, complaining that Italian troops are massing before Gerlogubi and requesting intervention to prevent hostilities.—*United Press*.

BORDER FIGHTING

Geneva, Jan. 3.
The Abyssinian Government has asked for League assistance in connection with the settlement of the dispute with Italy which threatens to precipitate more fighting on the border of Italian Somaliland.

Abyssinia's appeal comes as a great surprise and it is feared that it may complicate the Rome negotiations between M. Laval of France and Signor Mussolini of Italy, who are seeking to formulate a pact for the preservation of Austrian integrity and also to define the interests of France and Italy in Africa.

One of the main points of the proposed Franco-Italian understanding is the question of Italian interference in Somaliland, Eritrea and Abyssinia.—*Reuter*.

Four Lives Feared Lost In Collision

INVESTIGATION ORDERED

NEW YORK TRAGEDY

New York, Jan. 3.

An immediate inquiry has been ordered into the New York waterfront collision between the Lexington and the Arrow Line steamer Jane Christenson yesterday, which is believed to have cost four lives.

The Coast Guard officers first reported that all of the passengers and crew of the Lexington had been saved. It now appears that there have been at least four fatalities. The men are thought to have been trapped below decks at

LINDBERGH KIDNAPPING EVIDENCE

MOTHER OF CHILD VICTIM CALLED

HAUPTMANN RESTLESS

Flemington, N.J., Jan. 3.

Mrs. Charles Lindbergh, mother of the child whom Bruno Hauptmann is charged with having kidnapped and murdered, testified to-day at the trial of the one-time German carpenter.

In a low voice, her eyes filling with tears on occasions, she gave evidence for forty-five minutes. She described the window through which the baby was carried by the kidnapper and unflinchingly identified photographs of the baby's toys and a tiny, sleeveless shirt.

"I put that little shirt on him myself," she told the jury. The small garment was upon the child's body when it was found.

Hauptmann, the accused, stirred restlessly in his chair during the taking of Mrs. Lindbergh's evidence.

FATHER CALLED

The father of the murdered child was called. Colonel Lindbergh told how he had heard a crash during the night of the kidnapping, such as might have been caused by a ladder falling outside the house.

The prosecuting counsel, during his earlier address, had made the significant disclosure that "Hauptmann has got this ladder right around his neck. He took boards from his attack walls to build the ladder."—*Reuter*.

JURY COMPLETED

Flemington, Jan. 3.
The jury was completed to-day and the trial of Bruno Hauptmann commenced. The jury comprises eight men and four women.

—*United Press*.
the time of the collision and to have been unable to escape when the vessel sank in forty feet of water.

The investigation will be conducted by Captain Fried, veteran hero of many a sea adventure and who is responsible for the rescue of hundreds of lives.

The master of the Lexington denied reports of panic after the collision. The passengers also confirmed the statement that the crew behaved in the most orderly manner, but there was necessarily wild confusion among the passengers themselves in which the crew was involved.—*Reuter*.

LAVAL ON EXPRESS FOR ROME

TO NEGOTIATE WITH MUSSOLINI

MAY EXTEND EUROPE PACT

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Paris, Jan. 3.

The French Foreign Minister, M. Laval, acting in the capacity of negotiator for a Franco-Italian agreement, left for Rome to-day, accompanied by a party of secretaries and assistants. The French delegation entrained at 8.20 p.m.

Meanwhile, it is authoritatively stated in Rome that M. Laval in his conversations with Premier Mussolini, plans to extend the Four Power Pact to include the Little Entente and Russia. It is believed that Signor Mussolini is not averse to such a manoeuvre.—*United Press*.

"VIVE ITALIE"

Paris, Jan. 3.

Amid resounding cheers, "Vive Laval!" and "Vive Italie!" the French Foreign Minister, M. Laval, left on the Paris-Rome Express to-night.

He was seen off at the station by the Czechoslovakian and Yugoslav ministers to Paris, M. Politis, the Greek Minister, and the Air Minister of France, General Dornin, in addition to a red-shirted and be-medalled group of Garibaldi's old campaigners, the grey-haired leader of whom warmly wished M. Laval "bon voyage" and good luck.

Before entering the train, M. Laval made a little speech. He was happy to be on his way to Rome to seal the work of Franco-Italian friendship with Signor Mussolini, he said. This was a task which was never more indispensable: the reconciliation of the peoples of Europe.

The Italian Ambassador to Paris travelled on the same train.—*Reuter*.

GOOD AUGURY

London, Jan. 3.

The British newspapers continue to comment hopefully with regard to the outcome of the French Foreign Minister's visit to Signor Mussolini.

The terms upon which the French and Italian Ministers are seeking a settlement of the various issues which for so long have been outstanding between them have not been made known with any precision, and the same applies for the time being to the wider "non-interference agreement" projected between a number of European Powers, but the fact that a French Foreign Secretary is visiting Rome for the first time in 20 years is taken as implying confidence in success.

This fair prospect of Franco-Italian agreement, coupled with the discussion of an agreement intended to remove suspicion and improve relations between European neighbours, are together considered a good augury for the New Year. The newspapers do not fail to point out that success on such lines must help to pave the way for an approach to the armament issue.

M. LAVAL'S TASK

Before leaving for Rome this evening, M. Laval, in an interview with foreign press correspondents, is reported as saying:—"The negotiations we have been conducting have been very delicate, but have always been carried on with the greatest cordiality. The task which with Signor Mussolini I am taking in hand is not alone concerned with our two countries. Its aim is higher. It is not merely to establish a closer, more solid, and unshakable friendship between Italy and France, but to

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The Duke and Duchess of Kent are to-morrow leaving for Munich to visit the Count and Countess of Jettanbach. The Countess is a sister of the Duchess. The royal couple are here shown on their honeymoon at Himley Hall, Staffordshire.

Germany's Solidarity Achieved

NAZI COMMUNIQUE ASSERTIONS

CAMPAIGN OF LIES

(Special to "Telegraph")

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Berlin, Jan. 3.

Quietly, with some secrecy, high leaders of the Nazi party assembled to-day in the Berlin Opera House and heard the Reichspresident, Herr Hitler, refute the extensive rumours of discontent among the Storm Troops and impending changes in the party government.

The gathering had dispersed within an hour and a quarter, but closed with the issue of an official communique which states that the meeting was designed as an overwhelming demonstration of Nazi solidarity, the unity of the leaders of the Reich and the leaders of the armed forces. This unity must be continued to counteract the lying rumours abroad that there was unrest in Germany, it added.

The communique flatly denied that there had been any secret arrests and executions. These rumours were allegedly spread from emigrant centres in order to influence the Saar plebiscite vote at the last moment.

The communique asserts that of to-day destroyed with one blow the lies of Germany's enemies. The reward to their authors was this demonstration of solidarity the like of which had never before been seen in the country.

Herr Rudolph Hess, opening the meeting, emphasized the devotion which those present had for Herr Hitler.

Thereafter, General Goering, Premier of Prussia, conveyed the leaders' New Year's wishes to Der Fuehrer, and Herr Hitler himself addressed the meeting.

Herr Hitler, too, denounced the lies which were told about Germany. There was a campaign of lying abroad, he said.

It was necessary that their brothers in the Saar should know the truth of things, that they should want to return home knowing it was a worthy home.

He added that they must give one another hands in boundless trust in this year to come, and concluded by reciprocating the good wishes of his followers.—*Reuter Special and United Press*.

L.C.C. CONVERSION LOAN

London, Jan. 3.

At a special meeting, which lasted only seven minutes, the London County Council to-day agreed to the issue of £10,000,000 stock at 2½ per cent. to replace the £10,000,000 3½ per cent. stock, which it is estimated, will save the Council £88,000 a year during the next 35 years.—*British Wireless*.

U.S. MUST BUY MORE SILVER

STOCKS LAGGING BEHIND GOLD

1935 MARKET OUTLOOK

(Special to "Telegraph")

Washington, Jan. 3.

Mr. Roger W. Babson's Statistical Bureau reports favourably on constructive factors such as inevitable credit expansion and possible currency inflation, which should supply the foundation for higher stock values in 1935.

The \$400,000,000 influx of gold into the United States since June has virtually nullified the Government's efforts to increase silver stocks to one-third the value of gold stocks.

Gold stocks were valued at \$7,778,883,214 while those of silver were \$836,762,767, or only 10.7 per cent. of the total monetary reserve, on May 31 last. On December 29, gold stocks amounted to \$8,232,732,078, while those of silver had risen to \$1,027,464,169; thus the silver stocks on December 29 constituted only 13.2 per cent. of the total reserve, despite the fact that the Treasury meanwhile had acquired tens of millions of ounces of silver.

If the Silver Purchase Act's ultimate objective is to be accomplished on the basis of the present gold stocks, it means that the Government must buy 1,330,000,000 additional ounces of silver.

It was learned to-day that only \$200,000,000 of the \$2,000,000,000 stabilisation fund have been used so far for all the purposes for which the fund was established.—*United Press*.

HIGHER PRICE SEEN

Washington, Jan. 3.

London expects a silver price advance.

American Treasury officials consider silver as a political rather than a monetary problem and purchases in world markets will be continued, the volume being determined largely by gold movements towards the United States.

Silver purchases are likely to be larger when gold stops coming in.

International commodity price advances are expected.—*Reuter, Culbertson and Fritz*.

Waterfront Strike May Be Settled

AGREEMENT NOW POSSIBLE

GUILDS READY TO COMPROMISE

The possibility that all ships tied up as a result of the China Coast Officers' Guild and Marine Engineers' Guild strike may go back into operation shortly, and that wage agreements and reinstatement of discharged officers may then be arranged, was admitted by Guild officials this morning.

It appears that the Guilds have put into the hands of the owners' representatives draft agreements for the payment of wages fixed by arbitration in 1919. When these agreements are signed the Guilds will consider setting free the ships which they have forced to tie up.

"Then," said an official, "it is possible that the owners of the Yuet On and of any other vessels whose officers have been discharged, may agree to reinstate these men. If they do that, the whole affair will be amicably settled and the last difficulty to agreement will have been removed."

ANGLO-IRISH PACT. BOON TO TRADE

OTHER AGREEMENTS PROBABLE

BOTH SIDES EXPRESS SATISFACTION

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London, Jan. 3.

It is anticipated that all imports of coal into the Irish Free State will henceforth come from Great Britain. This will mean an increase of United Kingdom coal exports to the Free State of at least 1,250,000 tons annually, representing the additional employment of some 5,000 miners.

This announcement is contained in an authorised statement from the office of Mr. J. H. Thomas, Secretary of State for the Dominions.

The statement adds that the position in regard to the importation of Free State cattle has been considered in relation to arrangements for the assistance of the home livestock industry when the Cattle Industry Emergency Provision Act of 1934 expires on March 31.

News of the Anglo-Irish trade agreement was received with gratification by the Irish Free State, not only by the immediate interests but by business men generally.

It is confidently expected, both in Northern and Southern Ireland, that the agreement marks the first step towards the adjustment of differences between Great Britain and the Irish Free State.

ULSTER AFFECTED

The agreement will make a big difference to Ulster coal exporters and Belfast colliers will resume their visits to Irish Free State ports.

Mr. De Valera, President of the Executive Council of the Irish Free State, interviewed, said the agreement is the type of understanding which the Free State Government had always indicated its willingness to make.

Opportunities for further similar understandings will doubtless present themselves in time, he added, and will probably be accepted by both sides in the same spirit.—*Reuter Special*.

FULL REPORT

London, Jan. 3.
The Dominions Secretary, Mr. Thomas, authorised the following statement:

"As a result of discussions, a formal understanding has been reached on the subject of exports of coal from the United Kingdom to the Irish Free State and of cattle from the Irish Free State to the United Kingdom.

"It is anticipated in future all Irish Free State coal imports will be purchased in the United Kingdom. This will mean an increase in coal exports from the United Kingdom of approximately 1,250,000 tons a year, representing the full employment of about 5,000 miners.

"Coal producing districts securing the main benefit are those which are benefiting least from the Scandinavian trade agreements, namely South Wales, North Wales, Lancashire, Cumberland and the West coast of Scotland.

"Whilst the regulation of cattle imports from the Irish Free State are being continued on existing lines, provision is being made for cattle to be admitted into the United Kingdom during 1935 to be, in the case of fat cattle, at rate of 62.2/3 per cent. of the 1933 quantities, and in the case of other regulated classes of cattle a figure approximating to the average for the years 1930 to 1932."—*British Wireless*.

BIG CONTRACT

London, Jan. 3.

A contract of the value of \$169,720 for two swing bridges, lock and sluice gates for the \$1,000,000 Kut Barrage on the River Tigris has been secured by Messrs. Ramsomes and Rapier, of London and Norwich, who recently secured the contract for the lock and sluice gates for the Assiut Dam.—*British Wireless*.

Chung Yu-nan, a builders' foreman, was injured yesterday by a fall from an upper storey of the new Hongkong & Shanghai Bank building. He was removed to the Government Civil Hospital with an injured thigh.



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CONSIDERED

The Chancellor of the Exchequer has promised to consider new proposals from the promoters of the company formed to purchase and run the Red Star Line with £10 Transatlantic fares. This project, as the House of Commons learned from the Chancellor recently was "discouraged" by the Government.

In Parliament Colonel Sandeman Allen, Conservative member for Birkenhead, again asked why the Government had "discouraged" the purchase of the Red Star Line.

The Red Star Line, he told the House, owned in America, though sailing under the British flag was put up for sale. British enterprise decided to remove this foreign competition to British ownership.

It was proposed to take passengers on a cheap cabin service from Liverpool to New York for £10. Five ships were to be altered, giving work in British shipyards and to British seamen and shore staffs.

The new line, thought Colonel Sandeman Allen, would create a market at present untouched and which would therefore not compete with the Cunard-White Star Line.

Foreign interests, he said, knowing of the difficulties which had arisen, were at present in actual negotiations to take over the Red Star Line.

But so keen were the promoters of the new company that they were willing to undertake not to build any new tonnage without first consulting the Government.

THE QUEEN MARY

The Chancellor of the Exchequer reminded the House that the Government's desire in financing the completion of The Queen Mary was to rationalise the British shipping industry in the North Atlantic. He believed that if the White Star-Cunard merger company were faced with this new competition before they had had time to settle down the building of a sister ship to The Queen Mary might be jeopardised.

The interests concerned with the purchasing of the Red Star Line had, he added, approached the Treasury informally. They were told that it would not be in the national interest to proceed with their proposition.

The Atlantic shipping trade was not, he thought, in so prosperous a condition that a new concern would hope to build ships and run them at a profit.

He had only just heard, however, of the new conditions which the company interested in the Red Star Line were willing to accept. If their proposals were put in writing he would give them his consideration.

Several Conservative members expressed their disapproval of the Government's attitude, pointing out that if foreign interests purchased the Red Star Line owing to the Government's discouragement of the new British company the Chancellor's hope of avoiding competition with the Cunard-White Star merger would in any case be defeated, while employment would be given to foreign shipyards and foreign seamen.

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INVITATION

Paris, Dec. 25. The Paris Exposition of 1937, dedicated to science and art, is being especially planned for the Babbitts throughout the world.

In an address here explaining the scope of the undertaking, M. Edmond Labbe, general commissioner of the Exposition, declared that it will be the biggest thing of its kind in the history of France and that even its scientific and cultural aspects will be of great interest to the man in the street.

"I want to assure everyone that if a flock of Babbitts come to Paris in 1937 they will be pampered and petted," M. Labbe said. "Remember, this Babbitt is not a caricature nor a marionette. He is a good man, sensitive, restless, limited in his views, but not without his aspirations. Like our French counterpart, M. Prudhomme, he is a man."

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TECHNICALITIES

Describing the more technical side of the project, M. Labbe said that the exhibition will cover seventy acres of land on each side of the Seine with the Eiffel Tower and the Trocadero as the focal points. The area will be covered with palaces and pavilions. Landscape gardens and artificial mountains. A fleet of show-boats will ply the Seine.

One of the architectural features of the exposition will be a

Peculiar People
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DOCTOR

Members of the religious sect known as the "Peculiar People" filled the Police Court at Grays, Essex, when Walter Levett and his wife, Hannah Levett, of Victoria-road, Stanford-le-Hope, were committed for trial charged with the manslaughter of their 13-year-old son, Cyril.

They pleaded not guilty.

Mr. G. J. Ball (prosecuting) said that the boy was taken ill about October 2, but his parents objected to calling in medical aid. It was the case for prosecution that because of this the child died on October 13.

William Copsey, of Stanford-le-Hope, an elder, said that he visited the child, who had a sore throat. He could speak "a little above a whisper," and could be understood.

"We laid hands on him in the name of Jesus in accordance with the beliefs of the 'Peculiar People,'" he said. "We had a special prayer meeting after the anointing with oil—me and the father and mother."

Mrs. Levett, he said, gave the boy a gargle and a warm drink. On October 13 a prayer meeting was held in the kitchen, and he was called upstairs as the boy was "just about passing away."

THE DOCTOR'S EVIDENCE

Dr. Douglas Craig, of Stanford-le-Hope, said that the cause of death was toxæmia due to a septic throat. The child had simple tonsillitis but the right side went on to abscess formation. If the child had had medical attention the poison in the system would have been avoided and his life might have been saved.

Mr. Percy Lamb (defending) submitted that there was no evidence upon a charge of manslaughter, because there must be wanton neglect or such neglect as to show that the parents did not care whether the child lived or died. There was no definite evidence that the life of the child would have been prolonged or saved.

Mrs. Eliza Stammers, sister of Mrs. Levett, called for the defence, said that Mr. and Mrs. Levett treated their children with great kindness and every attention. The boy Cyril had not flannels and other treatment and they were not better after the prayer meeting, alarmed about him. He seemed better after the prayer meeting, but he had a sudden and very bad change and died within five or ten minutes.

"I would not have a doctor in the house," she declared. "I have always trusted in the Lord and my children have always got well though they have been very bad at times. If people do not recover that is the will of the Lord."

Mr. and Mrs. Levett were allowed bail.

glass edifice, 350 metres long and 120 wide, to be constructed at the base of the Eiffel Tower. Building will be constructed for the housing of graphic and plastic arts, for science and applied arts. Most of the foreign pavilions, it was explained, will be located on the ideal side of the left Bank—United Press.

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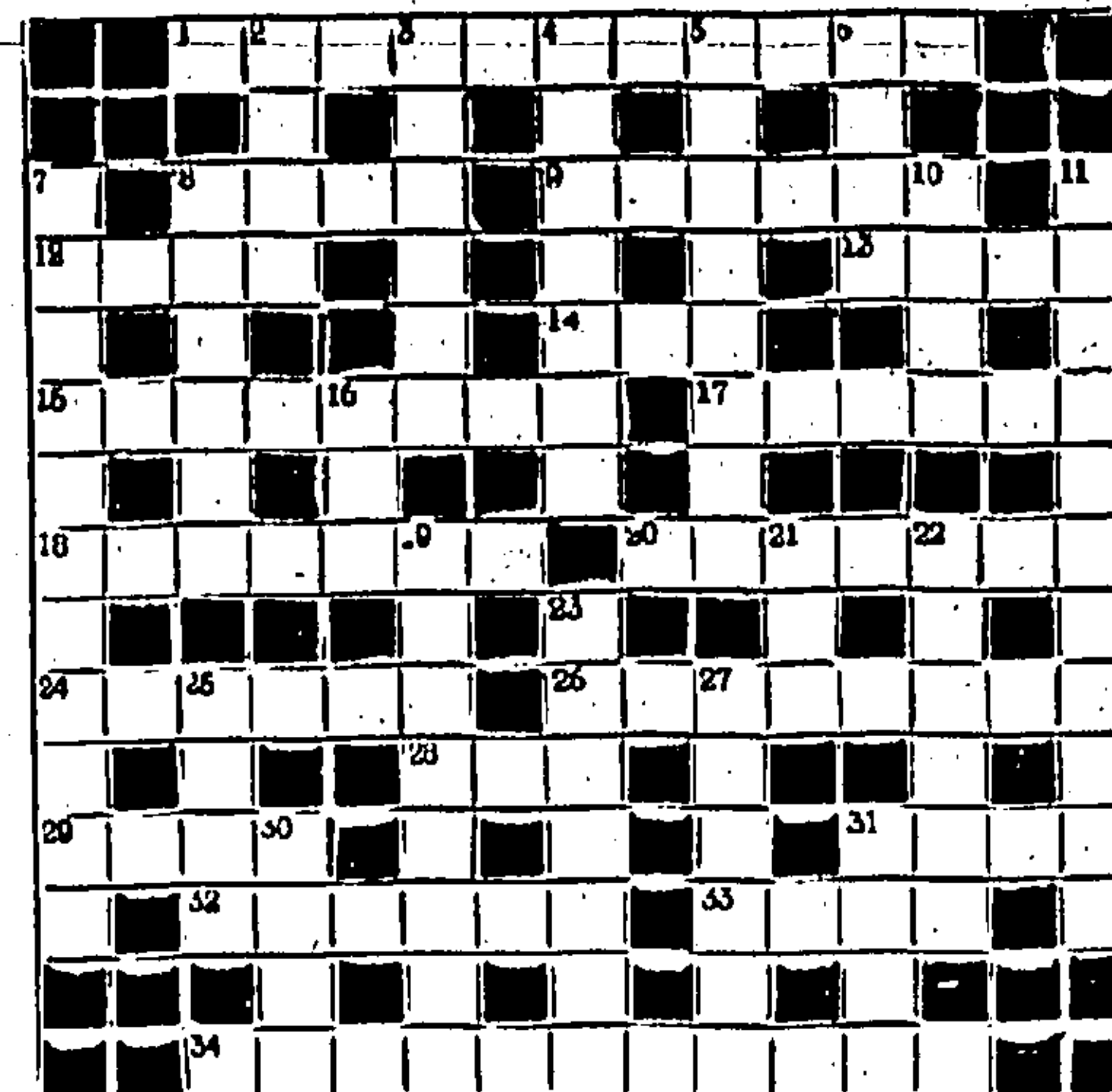
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- 14 Metal.
- 15 Turncoat.
- 17 Metal (see 10 down).
- 18 Irish county.
- 20 Everything in the exhibition is lacking in depth.
- 24 It takes many of this coin to make up the money in 1 across.
- 26 English town from which red loach may be obtained.
- 28 People are bashful when in this Scottish loch.
- 29 Material that is often spun out at length.
- 31 A time of rejoicing.
- 32 This one of the U.S.A. seems to be part of 19 down.
- 33 One of the common reasons for renewal.
- 34 A characteristic of the Jack of all trades.

Down

- 2 Bird.
- 3 County that sounds like a wisely remark from a goose.
- 4 Vessel that many men carry about.
- 5 American plain with one vehicle to be seen in it.
- 6 Money made by the successful perhaps.
- 7 A prehistoric creature.
- 8 Weapon that may be caused by a

- 10 A little out in 17 across.
- 11 Though this is no slight ailment it may make a foe very well.
- 16 A palindromic vessel.
- 19 One of the U.S.A. (see 32 across).
- 21 Wood that may be found in a shaving from a Genoa hatch.
- 22 Unfortunately this describes many a man on the dole.
- 23 Torch.
- 25 Ford or planes might be found herein.
- 27 This work is done with worsted 29 across.
- 30 Part of a church.
- 31 A quick antithesis to 31 across perhaps.

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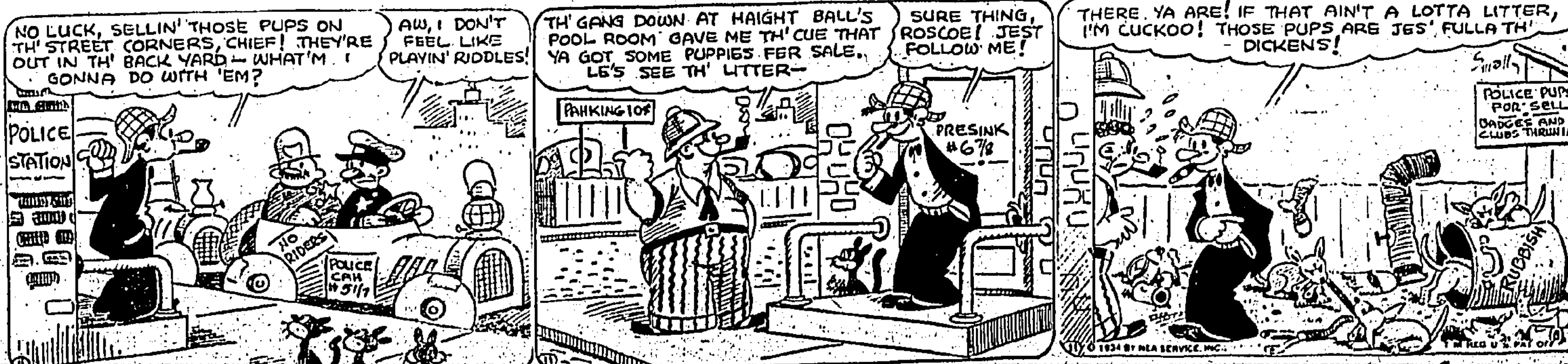
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WILL FRANCE GO FASCIST?

LA ROQUE MAY BE AN "IL DUCE"

(By A CORRESPONDENT)
 IS the younger generation in France heading for the fate which has overtaken the youth of Germany?

All over Europe the same story is repeating itself. The old man clinging to office and the young generation clamours for their removal. In proportion as the effects of the economic crisis press more heavily upon the armies of young people turned out each year by the universities and technical schools, so does the demand for change grow more insistent.

The mounting scandals of the old regimes add fuel to the fire, until, at a certain point, the inevitable demagogues arise to exploit the dissatisfaction and inexperience of the youthful element.

A large proportion of the population of Europe is living today under dictatorships, and the dictators are all, broadly speaking, of the war generation. Mussolini is 51 years of age, Hitler is 45. But both reply for support largely upon a generation younger than themselves. These men rule their countries in the interests of

rest upon the oars, whereas in a defeated nation the instinct of self-preservation acts as an incentive. Only now, as the idea gains ground that though France won the war, the French people may have lost the peace, does the spur to action begin to be felt.

But immediately the word "action" is breathed the army of youth becomes divided. There is only one point upon which all are agreed, from the Royalists to the intellectuals of the Left. That point is that the day of Parliaments has passed. The significance of that agreement, in democratic France, can scarcely be exaggerated.

Public life in France is notoriously corrupt. The average Frenchman admits it, but hitherto has been cynically tolerant. Since the Stavisky scandal he is more cynical than ever, but less tolerant.

ECONOMIC CRISIS

The economic crisis is hurting France seriously for the first time. The cost of living is high and still rising and unemployment figures are greater than at any time since the war. In such circumstances, exposures of the spoils system cause trouble. When Stavisky pulled the trigger of his pistol at Chamonix a few months ago he did not merely blow out his own brains. He exploded a bomb which is rocking the Third Republic to its foundations.

On February 6 of this year ten persons were killed and nearly 600 injured in the rioting of reactionary youth outside the Chamber of Deputies. Stagnation of Parliament, corruption scandals, street fighting—it is Germany over again. There are at least five Fascist parties of the Right, all of them training "snack troops." On the Left the Communists and Socialists of the old parties have joined in a united front.

WAITING FOR LEADER

The sands are running out, the battalions of youth take sides and race each other. Inexorably the process goes on, despite protestations and cries of alarm from the very boys themselves. Papers allegedly of the Left, such as "L'Œuvre," publish pictures of young "Francistes" (French Nazis) at firing practice. Yet "L'Œuvre" Agency, which also controls the Catholic Royalist reactionary journal, "L'Action Française," and many other papers both of Left and Right.

Stage is set, one factor only has been missing until now—the appearance on the scene of the super-demagogue, able to play the role which Hitler plays.

That man has now appeared, each month he comes more into the forefront of the stage, as Hitler did before him. His name is Colonel de la Roquette, and the scenes at mass meetings he is holding nightly in the Paris district complete the parallel with Germany. Instead of a house painter there is a colonel and a "gentleman."

Beyond that, nothing—and no difference. No programme, no goal except the goal which is common to all youth everywhere, the desire "to build a new order."

WAR IS BAD FOR ART

SO ARTISTS ARE ARGUING

Brussels, Dec. 23.

War is very bad for the art business, and the art dealers of the world intend to come out strongly for international peace when they hold their second international conference in this city in June, 1935.

This, at least, is the decision reached by the organising committee which has been meeting here. They have put "peace" right up at the top of the agenda. Other subjects on which resolutions will be offered include: "Customs duties and the art trade"; "Public auctions"; "The world crisis and the art trade"; "The social and artistic mission of the art dealer."

Next year's conference grows out of one held at Milan attended by art dealers, collectors, museum directors, artists and others at which it was resolved to form an international association of "those who have the difficult mission of dealing in art objects."—United Press.



Miss Josephine Ross, woman mine owner of Colorado, who was recently selected by President Roosevelt to assist and advise the Ministry of Finance.

a small clique of feudal-minded industrialists, but they have found the secret of giving to youth the illusion of power and self-importance.

In many respects the situation in France to-day is dissimilar to that in Germany two years ago. But to those who watched developments at close quarters in the latter country there is an increasing number of factors sufficiently parallel to cause alarm.

STERILE GENERATION

Some years ago a professor in a Paris Lycee told me: "We are nearing the end of the sterile generation. Since the war our pupils have lacked fire, they seemed to reflect the weariness of their parents during the latter years of the war. Now once more we are seeing before us a crop of keen young minds, and I begin again to have hope for my country."

The generation of which the professor spoke has since gone out into the world and become exceedingly vocal. It is natural that these developments should be occurring later in France than in the ex-enemy countries. A peace of victory has a stultifying effect upon the national character of the victor; there is a tendency to



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PRESIDENT'S CHAIR

Havana, Dec. 17.

President Carlos Mendota of Cuba in the future will "not be required to use the same chair occupied by his enemy Machado." The new presidential chair, which will be placed in the Cabinet room, was presented to Mendota from the public and was paid for by public subscription.—United Press.

SOUND THAT SIREN!

Quincy, Mass., Dec. 17.

Mrs. Albert Dino was returning from a hospital to her home in an ambulance with her new-born



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Pacific and trans-Atlantic transport flights of the future, Pan-American Airways is fitting out its second giant Sikorsky four-engine flying boat as a long-distance training ship.

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Department of Commerce licensing will be run, after which Pan-American will conduct a series of acceptance flight tests.

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RADIO DIRECTION

From Miami, the training course will involve night and day operations, on which radio directed flights by means of radio bearings

baby. At a point on Washington Street she asked the driver to slow down and sound the siren. Mrs. Dino held the baby up to a window to receive the cheers of her husband and fellow workers on an E.R.A. project.—United Press.

from the ground direction finding station will be conducted over sections of the Atlantic Ocean and Caribbean sea.

As a member of the operating staff of Pan-American's international air-transport system, Colonel Clarence M. Young will be associated with experimental transport service across the Pacific.—United Press.



In the Bavarian Alps skiers are training energetically for the Winter Olympics of 1936. Picture shows some of the athletes at Zugspitze.



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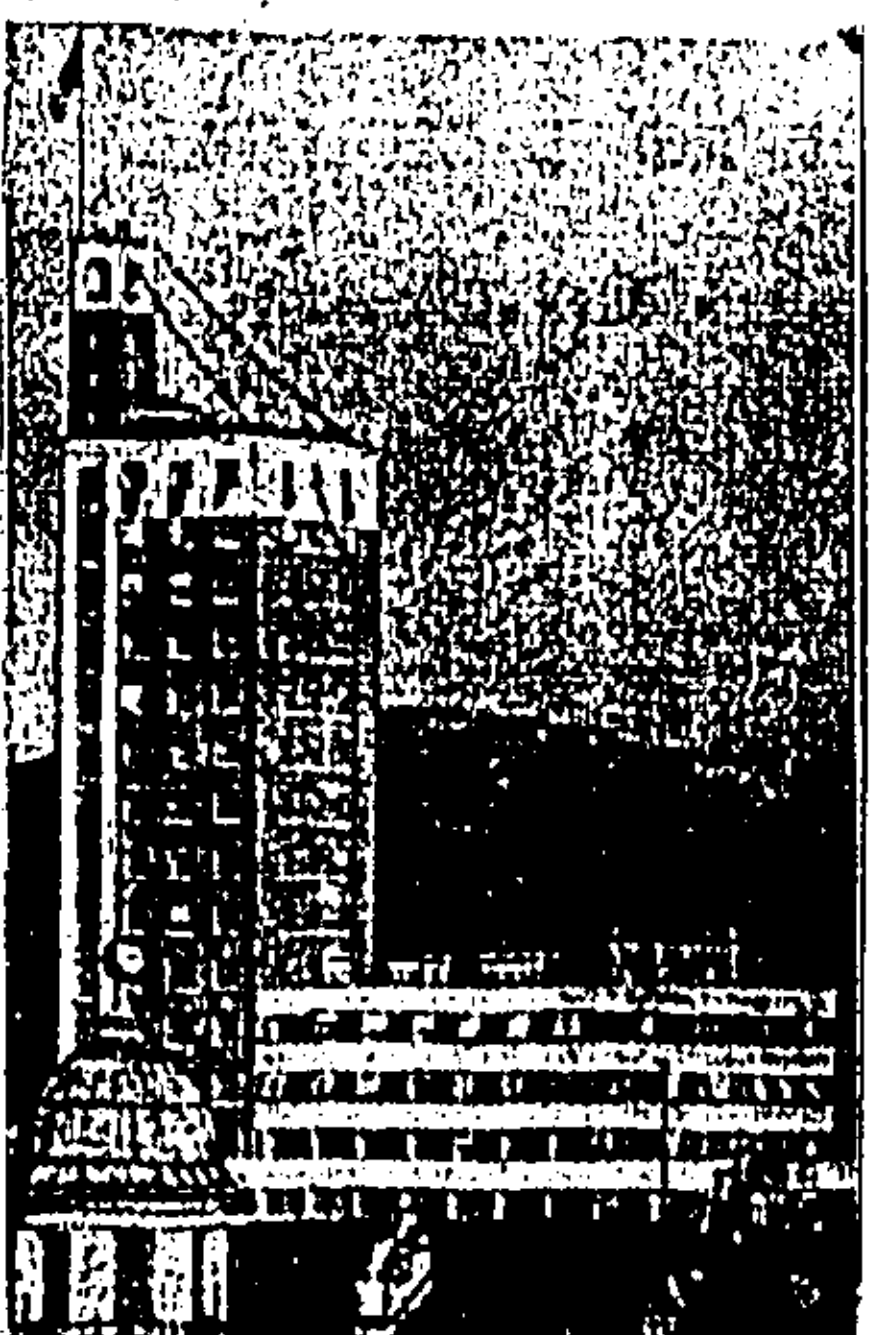
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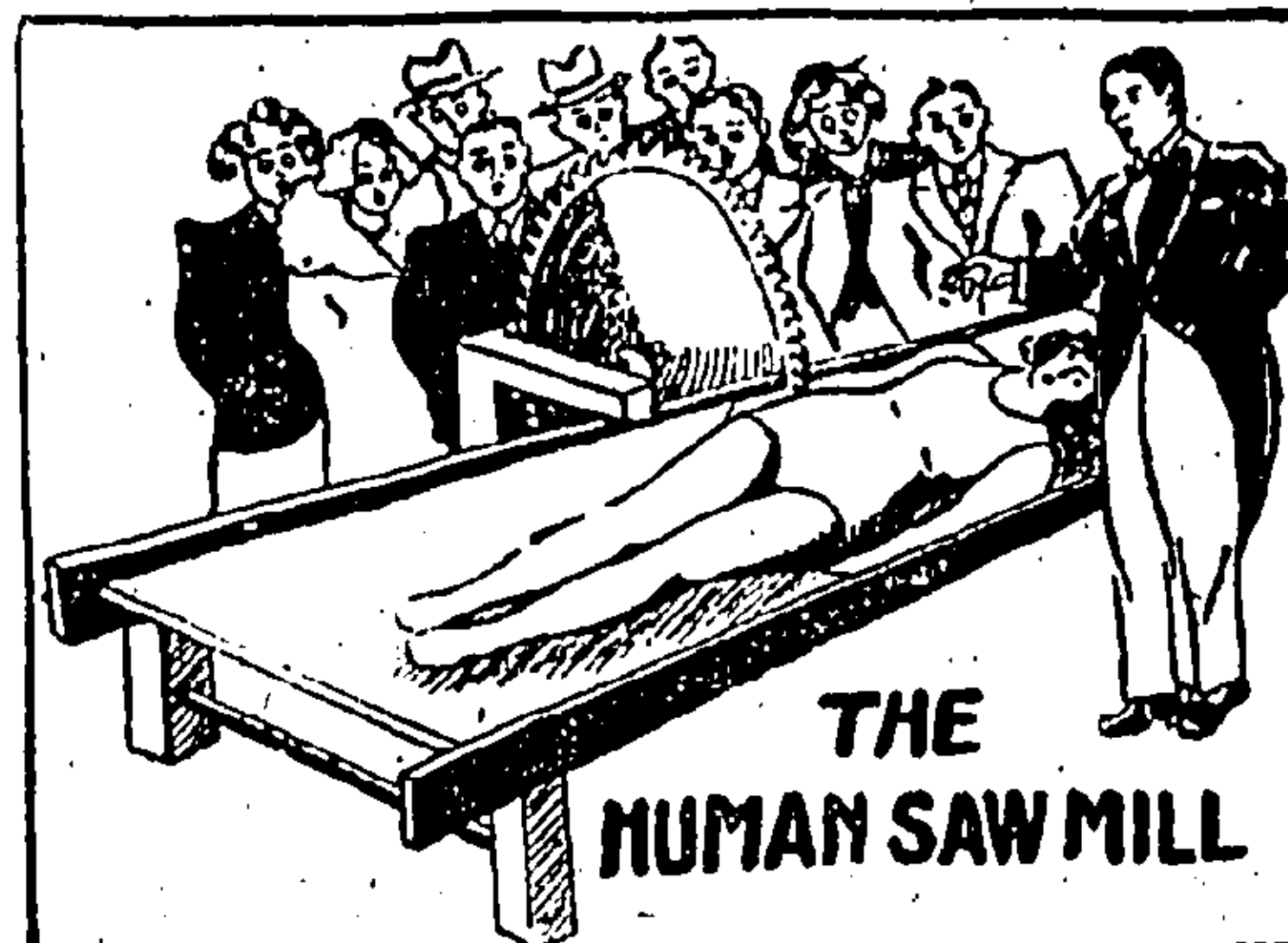
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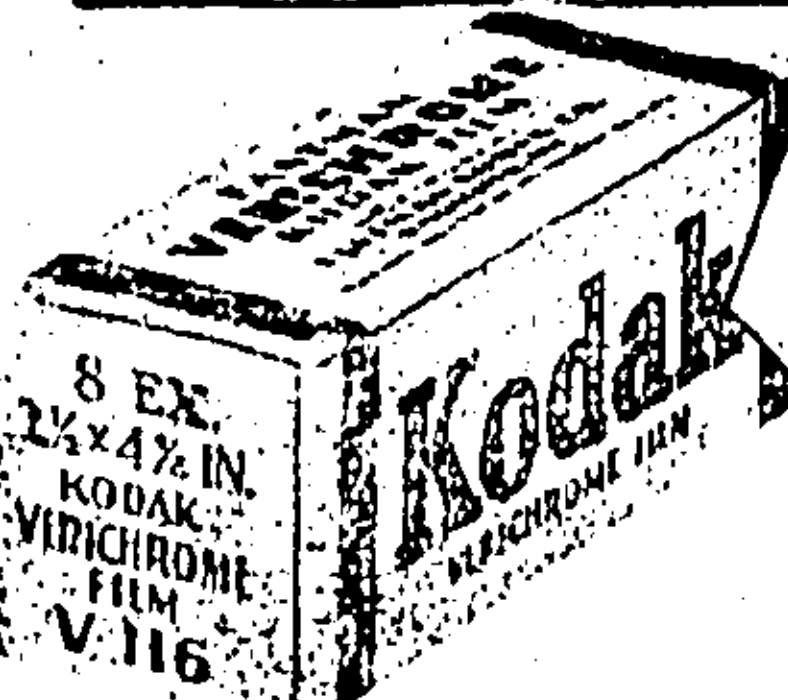
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With Jimmy Durante as a rough-neck college athletic trainer and Charles Butterworth as an absent-minded professor, "Student Tour," one of the season's most sparkling screen musical comedies, comes on Sunday to the Queen's Theatre. This is the picture which introduces the "Carlo," sensational new ballroom dance number which is sweeping the world, and includes a number of song hits. Young athletes and co-eds recruited from colleges and universities form the body of the cast, which also includes Monte Blue, Maxine Doyle, Phil Regan and other notables. Maxine Doyle, a brand new screen face, has the feminine lead in the picture opposite Phil Regan, another newcomer to the screen. His lulling tenor voice hitherto heard only in the airways, now wins more admiration when he renders several of the hit songs of the picture. Comedy is ably supplied by those two contrasting types of fun-makers—Duranito himself, the "dumb and dumber" expert, and Charles Butterworth, whose drolery is almost pedantic. The combination is "wide open" for side-splitting humour. The story deals with a round-the-world cruise made by a group of college athletes and their lovely co-eds girl friends. It is lavishly sprinkled with new music and was directed for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer by Charles F. Riesner.

"A Dangerous Affair"

Mirthful mystery that is genuinely amusing and entertaining is offered in "A Dangerous Affair," the new Columbia Holt-Graves vehicle coming to the Alhambra Sunday. It kept the theatre in paroxysms of laughter and at the same time offered a mystery that is intelligent and baffling. It serves as a splendid vehicle for the return to the screen in co-starring roles of Jack Holt and Ralph Graves, who have not appeared together since they completed "Dirigible." Again they demonstrate what a grand team they are—they are perfect foils for each other. Their current picture is done in a much lighter vein than previous ones and it serves as an ideal vehicle for the dry humour of Jack Holt, who plays the part of a small-town police lieutenant, and the wise-cracking patter of Ralph Graves, who is cast as a charming lazy and capable newspaper reporter. They manage to keep the audience in rare good humour. The performances of the cast live up to the atmosphere of the film. The haunted house, where most of the action transpires, is eerie and spooky enough to give anyone the creeps. Character portrayals are superbly handled by Blanche Friderici, William V. Moon, Tyler Brooke, Susan Fleming and Frederic Santley. Each one is a masterpiece in caricature. Sally Blane makes an appealing and beautiful heroine. She reveals herself as a light comedienne of excellence and shows indications of establishing herself as one of the screen's prime favourites.

"The Merry Widow"

"Basket weave dancing" and "musical retrospects" are among the amazing devices, appealing with new effects to eye or ear, in Ernst Lubitch's spectacular production of "The Merry Widow" showing at the Queen's Theatre. The "basket weave" is a new dance executed by the Albertina Rasch ballerina in the great Embassy sequence of the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer spectacle. Dances in differently coloured costumes weave in and out in an "over and under" movement exactly as reeds are interwoven in making a basket. The effect is amazing. The "musical retrospect," is heard in the sequence where Maurice Chevalier is on trial and events of the past go through his mind. Instead of showing this by pictured scenes "dissolving" into each other, the music that accompanied the different events is heard, blending or "dissolving" from one air to another just as the pictorial "retrospect" is photographed. The Embassy sequence is the most elaborate in the haunting transcription of Franz Lehar's gay Viennese romance. The largest set in the history of the studio housed it; hundreds of dancers are seen, and it is here that the glamorous "Merry Widow Waltz" is presented. The co-stars are supported by Una Merkel, Edward Everett Horton, George Barbier, Ruth Channing, Donald Meek and others of note. Jeannette MacDonald and Maurice Chevalier sing several songs each and do it very beautifully.

Joan Blondell, Luck Powell and Ruoy Keeler all display their singing abilities in the Warner Bros. special musical "Dames," which is showing for the last two days at the Alhambra. Joan sings "The Girl at the Ironing Board," a novelty song by Al Dubin and Mury Warren, and Dick sings "I Have Only Eyes For You," in which Ruby Keeler joins in the mammoth busby Berkeley ensemble number. The latter song is also from the ace-team of Watren and Dubin, who also composed the theme song "Dames." The catchy air "When You Were a Smile on Your Mother's Lips" was written by Irving Kahal and Sammy Fain and is sung by Dick to Ruby in a Berkeley "trick" sequence. Joan is heard singing "Try To See It My Way" in a theatre scene, and Dick Powell is also heard singing it in the sequence which takes place in the office of a theatrical producer. Phil Regan, "The Singing Cop" of radio fame, recently playing in pictures, sings "Anything That Part of You," and this engaging tune was written by Morton Dixon and Allie Wrubel, writers of the "Try To See It My Way" number. "Dames" which is a hilarious musical comedy spiced with romance, carries an all-star cast which includes ZaSu Pitts, Gaby Kibbee, Hugh Herbert, Arthur Vinton and others.

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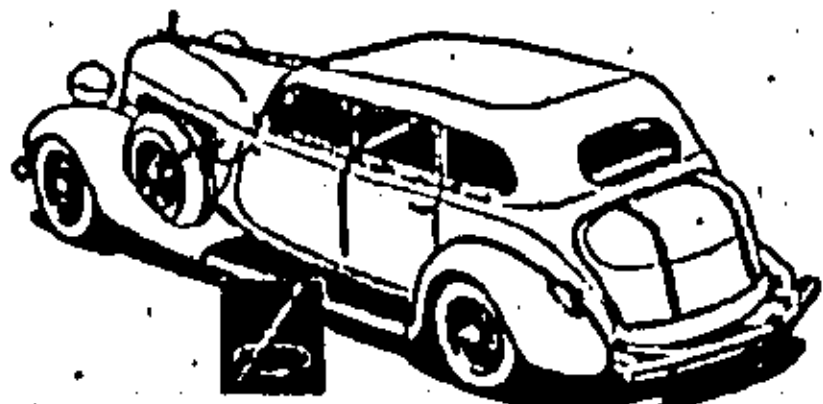
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FRIDAY, JAN. 4, 1935.

TOWARDS PEACE

If, as seems probable, the Franco-Italian negotiations result in the conclusion of a multilateral pact to secure the peace of Central Europe, a great step forward will have been registered in the direction of composing the tension which has for so long been the cause of anxiety to the major Powers. Indications at the moment are that France and Italy will restate in emphatic terms their respect for Austria's independence and integrity, and that the next development will be an agreement between Italy, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia and Hungary not to interfere with the internal affairs of Austria or each other, or to initiate any aggressive action. There are even possibilities of Britain and Germany, amongst other nations, being invited to join in the new agreement, although so far as Britain is concerned recent indications have been that whilst she may not feel disposed to join in the pact she would strongly support it in principle. Balkan tension has long been the cause of much concern to Europe as a whole, and in the excitement following the Marseilles murders there seemed for a time every possibility of serious repercussions developing. Yugoslavia's outburst against Hungary and Italy's inclination to stand by the latter country appeared to shatter any likelihood of political accord being attained between Rome and the Little Entente. There were, however, suggestions that Italy might be prepared to modify her diplomacy were Yugoslavia and France to make the path easier for her. Since then, thanks to the negotiations which have been taking place between Paris and Rome, the situation has undergone a marked change for the better, and now the prospect is opened up of a comprehensive understanding which should in large measure guarantee peace in the trouble spot of Europe. The changed outlook comes as a great relief after recent fears that some of the European nations were reverting to the old system of alignments which in the past led to the most disastrous consequences. There can be no questioning the point that hard and fast alliances only serve to provoke

NOTES OF THE DAY

REJOICE

There will be rejoicings in the mining towns of Wales and South-west Scotland today and jubilation in Lancashire, for the news of these pitifully depressed areas will shortly be given contracts for an additional 1,000,000 tons of coal a year, according to the arrangement reached between the Governments of Great Britain and Irish Free State. The people of these distressed areas will thank God that the negotiations, carried on quietly between English and Irish officials, were not tied up and made abortive by stupid antagonisms which might have been anticipated as outgrowths of the land annuities dispute and its repercussions. The National Government may have blundered, as all Governments blunder, in some of the matters it has dealt with during its lifetime, such as Lottery and Sedition Bills, but in a matter of such importance as this one, politics never were allowed to pass the closed doors of the conference. Mr. Walter Runciman, Mr. Walter Elliott and Mr. J. H. Thomas, men of affairs and men of vision, and whoever their Irish confreres were, have surely achieved a compromise which will reflect lasting credit to their Governments. Nor is it solely for the fact that they have won an outlet for British coal and given the Irish cattleman a market that the Governments of the two states are to be congratulated, but that they have broken the ice of their enmity and pushed towards open water where there will be more chance of amicable settlement of all the difficulties in the way of a complete Anglo-Irish rapprochement.

SAAR PROSPECTS

Although there have been eruptions of feeling in the Saar, clashes of a minor port between Communists and Nazis, and Catholics and Nazis, the international military force at present in bivouac in Saar territory has not yet been called upon to act in keeping the peace before the plebiscite. The police, in spite of accusations of partiality, have been able to keep order. There should be no real danger of conflict in the Saar until January 13, the date of the plebiscite. But, unfortunately, after that, the whole complexion of the position may be changed to an extent which may make violence almost inevitable. Everyone knows, by now, the alternatives of the plebiscite: either the Saar goes to France, to Germany or remains under the control of the League of Nations Governing Commission. France hopes that the *status quo* may be preserved, for she has long ago given up any idea of pressing the Saarlanders that they should embrace the tri-colour of liberty, equality and fraternity.

THE POUND OF FLESH

Nevertheless, France still has a claim upon the Saar. The coal mines of that territory were handed over to France by way of compensation for losses in the mining areas of Northern France during the War, it will be recalled. Although these losses have been made good, Germany, according to the French claim, should reimburse the mines from France. Oddly enough, Germany has not argued this point, and has apparently agreed to a compromise arrangement whereby she will pay for the mines in coal produced in them. If then, the Saar goes back to Germany, all will be well. But if by any chance the *status quo* is unaltered by the plebiscite, there are bound to be heart-burnings and resentments which will stir up trouble. There is no reason to suspect Germany of under-handed dealings in the matter. It is simply that the preponderantly German population of the Saar itself will be outraged if they cannot regain their place within the German fabric. And they have declared that they will fight for this ambition. It is in the Saar itself, then, that the danger lurks; and the problem may become another of those troublesome "minority" matters. However, if the plebiscite is favourable to Germany, and that is the way the straws are blowing, Europe will be able to breathe more easily, for another menace to its peace will have been avoided.

counter-alliances, which in turn aggravate matters and pave the way to fresh discord. A far better way is to be found in plans for comprehensive friendship and co-operation, in the spirit on which the League of Nations was brought into being. In the promise of a new order in the Balkans we see some prospect of that spirit being given freer rein. No better start for the New Year could be wished for.

MOUSE THAT MADE A MAN

By TANGYE LEAN

WALT DISNEY is thirty-two.

People will tell you that Mickey Mouse was born nearly a quarter of a century later, but their calculation is too superficial to be worth very much. When Disney's biography comes to be written the fact will emerge that he was born with his characters and grew up with them. Like every other great artist in history.

In the early days of his childhood his family deserted the roaring city of Chicago, which had failed to bless them with riches, and retired to a farm in Missouri. There were pigs and cows and rabbits on the farm; it was overrun by ants and rats and grasshoppers.

Sometimes a skunk came crawling furtively round the barn in search of mice. Young Disney pursued it in fury. The smell was a horror, and for obscure reasons he disapproved quite as strongly of its passion for consuming mice.

He grew out of childhood at the age of nine—he was forced out of it artificially by the necessity of earning his own living. He went back to the city. His parents had worked and failed; they were entitled to their escape. But for him the grim and patternless fight with reality was to come.

He sold newspapers in Kansas City, getting out of bed at half-past three in the morning. He tried the variety stage and conjuring, and failed at both. He worked as a Post Office messenger in the daytime and a pillar box collector at night. He sold sweets and magazines and apples to people travelling by train to Chicago. For a year he drove an ambulance in Flanders.

All this time something was pushing him on to spend every spare moment at drawing. It may have been the creative impulse of the artist, or it may have been an ineradicable desire to force his ugly life into the pattern and colour which had gone from it with childhood. Perhaps, for that matter, the two things are the same.

His luck was bad. He got a job with an advertising company which specialised in farm work, and was happy drawing cows and jolly farmers at £10 a month. But he was fired and had to go back to the Post Office rounds.

Eventually he was granted a precarious job in a newspaper office, and there an important thing happened to him.

One night as he sat working at his desk, he heard a faint scratching sound and a high-pitched squeak. He shuffled his foot, and everything was quiet. But in that moment memories of the farm at Missouri with its skunks and mice came flooding over him. In an effort to recapture them more permanently, he set about catching those mice, and soon had a minor zoo imprisoned in his inverted wastepaper-basket. For days and weeks he used to watch their antics.

It would be foolish to try to analyse the birth of Disney's idea in any detail. He had always been attracted by the cinema, and there was nothing surprising in the particular line along which his thoughts were to run.

About that time Al Johnson was howling his plaintive notes at a world whose critical faculties were momentarily struck dumb by the novelty of a brand new

medium. Theorists might have pointed out that here was the supreme chance for a man who could create an art within an art. For every branch of art has so far given rise to an "escape art" within itself a world where the ugly daughter becomes the beautiful princess and the villain is treated according to his merits.

Such things scarcely ever happen in the real world, and if they sometimes happen in novels and plays there is reason to suspect that they are bad. But the fairy tale and the ballet are things apart. There the universe would crack if the villain came out on top or the heroine lived as miserably in eternity as she did in the beginning.

Perhaps the theorists said all this at the time; but Disney, because he was an artist, and because his whole life had been formed by Providence for this moment, put it into practice.

Luck still avoided him. Against heavy financial odds he had already succeeded in making several silent cartoons. But they were failures, and it was not until 1929 that Mickey Mouse, articulate at last, won the enthusiasm of the world.

Six years have passed, and in that time Mickey Mouse has soared to fame on a scale that history has never known before. Hitler is a nonentity compared to him. He receives nearly a million letters every year. Statues have been erected to him, and his portrait hangs in one of the most famous art galleries of America.

What is the secret of his popularity? Partly, no doubt, that he is brilliantly drawn and even more brilliantly accompanied by a thunderous orchestral crescendo to the villainous ping of a mouse. What struck critics from the very beginning was that because synchronisation was so perfect and the visible movements of the characters cut down to their essentials, a sense of reality greater even than the ordinary talkie could be obtained. Mickey Mouse is rhythm triumphant. There is infinitely more "kick" in a piano solo played by him than in the performance of the most skilful jazz pianist in the world.

But there are deeper reasons for our love of Mickey Mouse than mere admiration of the drawing and music. He performs the very important function of fulfilling our private wishes.

For he holds the unique position in the world of being both physically and intellectually perfect. He can jump over a mountain as easily as we ourselves can in a dream, or he can plan a battle campaign with a strategic perfection which would have been the envy of Napoleon. He may make an occasional mistake, but you can rely on him coming out victorious in the end.

Pluto, his dog, plays the role of an ordinary human being by his side, and what a show-up of the ordinary human being it is, what a display of bright ideas that are really stupid and of blind fidelities that wrap him up in trouble.

Mickey, the superman, smiles and whistles his way through life. Pluto, who stands for you and me, crawls grovelling behind. As we watch we join in Mickey's laughter, and, forgetting our relationship to his companion, we are for a few minutes released the novelty of a brand new

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In Budapest, fifty-four husbands have divorced their wives owing to the latter's addiction to bridge.

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Fifty-four wild women, mad on coup and ruff—
Fifty-four poor chaps who've had enough.

Bridge is just a pastime; bridge is just a joke; Learn to sip its pleasures; don't attempt to soak;

Few indeed the husbands who can pass the test
Of bridge as it's played in Budapest.

Fifty-four divorcees — fifty-four decrees—
Fifty-four poor "dummies" no longer at their ease—
Fifty-four fair gamblers, worried and in debt—
Fifty-four hopeful contracts "act."

DUMB-BELLES LETTRES

There're So Few Of Us
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Yours truly
(Signed) Mrs. Tony Z

The Blondes

Judge Sir Alfred Tobin gave his views recently on women's hair during the hearing of a case against a hairdresser.

"We always heard of grey hairs being treated with respect," he said.

When counsel commented that women did not seem to like it, the judge said: "The most beautiful thing a woman can have is beautiful white hair."

Later he inquired why peroxide was used on hair, and counsel replied: "I think it is to make platinum blonde. There was a lady known as the Platinum Blonde on the films."

Judge Tobin: No; she was known in this court. Her hair, I think, became Cambridge blue.

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Yours truly,
Lawrence M.
(signed).

from our imperfections and at one with the gods.

A shilling or two is a small price to pay for a privilege which is hard to come by at a time when opium is banned and drunkenness unrespectable.

The fact is that it would be highly surprising if Mickey Mouse had failed to make Walt Disney famous.



"You must not be so shy when mother drops in to see you."

PUISNE JUDGE ROBBED

HOUSE COOLIE SENT TO GAOL

Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell figured in the role of complainant before Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy this morning when he accused Li Shiu-shan, one of his domestic servants, on three charges of larceny of money.

The first count related to the theft of a ten-cent piece on January 1 from the residence of Mr. Justice Lindsell at 151, The Peak; the second accused the defendant of stealing \$20 on December 27; and the third charged the accused with theft of three one-pound notes on December 24.

The defendant pleaded guilty to all three charges.

Sub-inspector H. Kirby, prosecuting, said defendant was employed by Mr. Justice Lindsell as house coolie and after a period of about two months various sums of money were found missing from the house including the three one-pound notes mentioned in the charges.

On December 29 after Mr. Justice Lindsell had lost two \$10 notes, he reported the matter to the police and as a result, Sub-inspector Kirby went to the house. Marked money was placed in a drawer and on January 1 the complainant found ten cents missing.

The defendant was searched and the marked ten-cent piece found in his jacket.

On the first two charges the defendant was sentenced to one month's hard labour, concurrent, and on the third he was given two weeks to run consecutively with the other sentence.

ANGLO-GERMAN PAYMENTS

LIMITS FOR TWO MONTHS

London, Jan. 3. The Anglo-German Payments Consultative Committee has agreed that in view of the substantial issues in November and December of foreign exchange certificates in respect of the import of United Kingdom goods into Germany, the total issue for payments in January and February, 1935, may be limited to 17 million Reichsmarks (about £1,400,000) in each month.

This, it is estimated, represents the 55 per cent. of the value of German exports to the United Kingdom for which provision is made in the agreement.

Restriction will be brought into force only if it is justified to prevent the foreign exchange required for payment of imports from the United Kingdom exceeding the 55 per cent. allocation. *British Wireless.*

LAVAL ON EXPRESS FOR ROME

(Continued from Page 1.)

put that common friendship at the service of world peace.

"I shall defend the interests of France, Signor Mussolini will defend the interests of Italy, but as we have the same comprehension of the grave questions we are facing, we shall both defend the interests of universal peace. These sentiments, I know, are shared by all those countries with whom we have discussed our work. They have all same the appreciation of responsibility which lies upon our shoulders.

"I am convinced that the task which I am endeavouring to accomplish with Signor Mussolini will lead us to a rapprochement with all those whose collaboration is indispensable to the safeguarding of the peace of Europe and the world." *—British Wireless.*

A GLOOMY PICTURE

CHINA IN THE THROES OF INTERNAL DISRUPTION.

Another illuminating if somewhat depressing address on present-day conditions in China was given by Dr. Shorwood Eddy, the well-known Christian youth leader, when he addressed undergraduates at the Hongkong University yesterday afternoon.

In a previous lecture, Dr. Eddy traced the present unsatisfactory position to the internal disruption, and described the country as being crushed between the millstones of militarism, corruption and communism on the one side and outside aggression on the other.

After dealing with each evil in detail, Dr. Eddy had a lot of disparaging things to say about "squeezing." He showed it as a disease which entered into every structure in the communal life, destroying good government, in-

OBITUARY

WIFE OF WELL-KNOWN LOCAL SPORTSMAN

Mrs. C. M. S. Alves, the wife of the well-known assistant Secretary of the Sports Club and handicapper of the Hongkong Jockey Club, passed away at her residence, No. 231 Nathan Road, at 9 o'clock yesterday morning after an attack of influenza and enlargement of the heart. The deceased lady, who was 49 years of age, was held in great respect by members of her community, large numbers of whom were present to pay their last respects at the funeral, which took place in the evening at the Catholic Cemetery.

Fr. Rossi officiated, assisted by Mgr. H. Valtorta, at a short service held in the chapel and at the last rites at the graveside.

The large attendance present included the bereaved husband, Mr. H. A. Alves and two younger sons, and other relatives, as principal mourners; Mr. F. P. de V. Soares representing also the Acting Portuguese Consul-General, the Marquis de Ficalha; the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, Mr. J. M. Noronha, Mr. C. A. da Rosa, Mr. Leo D'Almada e Castro, Sr., Mr. F. X. D'Almada e Castro, Sr., Mr. A. F. B. Silva Netto, Dr. Sik To-wong, Dr. Sousa, Dr. J. Barros, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. da Souza, Miss L. M. da Souza, Mrs. A. Remedios, and Messrs. J. H. Seth, Ezra Abraham, H. A. Lammert, Christiansen, E. D. da Rosa, M. A. Carvalho, G. A. Pinn, F. H. Silva, B. Alves, A. A. da Rosa, L. G. Ribeiro, M. M. de V. Soares, P. V. Botelho, L. V. Xavier, H. A. Barros, F. Barros, A. E. Xavier, J. R. Tavares, M. A. Oliveira, A. M. L. Soares, H. A. Figueiredo, J. A. Victor, F. E. A. Remedios, C. A. Remedios, J. W. Leonard, C. D'Almada e Castro, A. Garcia, C. Rodrigues, A. G. Botelho, C. Rodrigues, P. Yvanovich, P. Botelho, M. A. Figueiredo, E. Figueiredo, C. E. Rosa Pereira, D. G. U. da Rosa, A. V. Barros, A. E. S. Alves, F. A. Lopes, M. F. Pinn, H. A. de B. Botelho, J. A. de B. Soares, D. d'Almada, M. Rafeek, S. A. Marcel, A. C. Gomes, J. V. V. Remedios, R. Basa, F. B. P. da Silva, Dr. A. Rodrigues F. E. de Souza, M. A. Silva, J. M. S. Rozario, P. M. N. da Silva, J. Eca da Silva, J. A. C. Ribeiro, J. A. V. Ribeiro, G. U. Ribeiro, E. Carvalho, Carlos Chan, E. da Souza, L. A. Carvalho, F. X. Monteiro, A. M. Xavier, A. P. Eca da Silva, A. A. dos Remedios, G. A. Noronha, L. A. Barros, F. A. Xavier, Fred A. Xavier, Jose Xavier, A. B. Gomes, E. A. Alves, D. C. Alves, J. M. N. Alves, A. W. da Rosa, and others.

The Wreaths

In addition to those from relatives, wreaths were sent by Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Alves, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Botelho, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Botelho, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Correa, Mr. and Mrs. Leo D'Almada e Castro and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Dunbar, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. P. de Graça, Mr. and Mrs. Pedro V. Botelho, Mrs. M. Gonsalves, Maria Jose de Graça, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Guterres, Dr. and Mrs. F. H. Kew, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Noronha, Mr. J. M. Noronha and family, Mr. and Mrs. Julio Ribeiro and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. V. Ribeiro and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. V. Ribeiro and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Roza, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. da Roza, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Rosario, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rutledge, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. B. Silva and family, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. de V. Soares, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Xavier, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie da Souza.

The Marquis de Ficalha, Messrs. J. M. M. Alves, A. Botelho, H. A. de B. Botelho, S. S. Botelho and Choy Wing-chiu, D. E. de Carvalho, W. H. Choy, C. D'Almada e Castro, J. J. A. J. and S. E. Edgar, F. M. Ellis, Y. T. Fung, Ho Wing, F. Jephson, Li Lan-sang, Mok Hing-wing, Dinshaw S. Paowalla, Y. W. Pao, S. Rafeek, C. A. da Rosa, V. P. Santos, A. H. Silva, W. T. Stanton, T. P. Tong, the Boys and Cooks of the Sports Club, Committee and Members of the Sports Club, and the Portuguese Co. Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps.

Industrial progressiveness and even the nation.

Notwithstanding all these factors, however, he saw signs of a new life everywhere. He had found a new type of younger and more honest officials in China, who believed in education for the masses and rural reconstruction for the country.

In his opinion, ancient precepts would not save China, nor would modern slogans do so. What was needed was a motive of vital religion. If Christianity had anything to give to China, now was the time to give it; if anybody had the time to give it, it was they who were to help China, now was the time to do so, before it was too late.

The lecturer was thanked by Sir William Hornell, Vice-Chancellor of the University, who said that Dr. Eddy had thrown out a challenge to the University and its students which they could not overlook. It was up to the undergraduates themselves to see what they could do to help their country.

FRENCH LADY PIANISTE

MME. FLORIGNY NOW IN COLONY

An interesting visitor to Hongkong at present is Mme. Renee Florigny, the French pianist, who has often been called "the female Paderewski." She is to give a recital here shortly.

Mlle. Florigny is at present on a world tour and has recently been giving a series of recitals at Peking, Tientsin and Shanghai. This is her first visit to Hongkong, although she has been in India and



the Far East for more than a year. She has with her a letter of commendation from the Viceroy of India and the Countess of Willington, for whom she gave a benefit concert in aid of the Viceroy's Earthquake Fund. She is making her tour with high recommendations from the French Minister of Foreign Affairs, and at Peking she appeared under the sponsorship of the French Legation.

Because the Chinese people are themselves so fond of music, Mme. Florigny declares that she specially likes giving concerts in China. In addition to her concert at the Grand Hotel de Pekin, she has also given recitals for students at Tsung Hua and Yenching Universities. She has also won wide acclaim in Japan as a pianist.

U.S. COMMODITY PRICES

LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

Messrs. Swan, Culbertson and Fritz have received the following quotations on the New York exchange for yesterday.

New York Cotton.		
	Jan. 2.	Jan. 3.
Close	12.55	12.54-12.54
January	12.55	12.54-12.54
March	12.71	12.70-12.70
May	12.77	12.76-12.76
July	12.84	12.79-12.79
October (1935)	12.67	12.63-12.63
December (1935)	12.72	12.68-12.68
Spot	12.85	12.85

New York Rubber		
	Jan. 2.	Jan. 3.
January	13.17	13.17-13.17
March	13.31	13.30-13.30
May	13.60	13.60-13.60
July	13.81	14.10-14.11
September	14.01	14.30-14.30
October	14.10	14.40-14.40
Total sales—456 lots		

Chicago Wheat		
	Jan. 2.	Jan. 3.
January	98 1/2	98 1/2-99 1/2
May	99 1/2	99 1/2-100 1/2
September	99 1/2	99 1/2-101 1/2
Wednesday's sales		11,217,000 bushels

Chicago Corn		
	Jan. 2.	Jan. 3.
January	88 1/2	88 1/2-89
May	89 1/2	89 1/2-90 1/2
September	91 1/2	91 1/2-92 1/2
Total sales—8,017,000 bushels		

Winnipeg Wheat.		
	Jan. 2.	Jan. 3.
May	82 1/2	83 1/2-83 1/2
July	83 1/2	83 1/2-83 1/2

New York Sugar		
	Jan. 2.	Jan. 3.
March	1.88	1.92/92-1.85/87
May	1.92	1.96/96-1.90/91
July	1.94	1.98/98-1.94/95
September	1.98	2.02/03-1.98/99
Total sales—49,000 tons.		

New York Silk		
	Jan. 2.	Jan. 3.
March	1.41	1.40-1.40
May	1.42 1/2	1.42-1.42
July	1.43	1.42-1.42
Total sales—238 lots		

Montreal Silver.		
	Jan. 2.	Jan. 3.
March	55.30	55.10-55.35
May	55.80	55.30-55.45
July	56.70	56.00-56.40
September	57.05	56.40-56.90
Total sales—13 contracts		

New York Metals.		
	Jan. 2.	Jan. 3.
Copper March	6.38	6.55
Tin March	50.45	50.35

IN WIRELESS TOUCH

The following ships are expected to be in wireless communication with Hongkong to-day:—Kwai-ying, Bremerhaven, Hawaii Maru, Szechuen, Nellore, Kohwa Maru, Wing Lee, Hydrangea, Muroran Maru, Kalgan, Darvel, Calchas, Hosang, Burdwan, Taiiping, Hector, Empress of Japan, Tobu Maru, Conte Rosso, Naning, Tsinan, Ixion, Bokuyo Maru, Hakozaki Maru, Chakaang, Canton, Yochow.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

LATEST SHARE QUOTATIONS

The following quotations on the London Stock Exchange have been received by Messrs. Swan, Culbertson and Fritz in conjunction with Reuters. British Government Securities. Jan. 2. Jan. 3.

	Jan. 2.	Jan. 3.
War Loan 3 1/2% redm. after 1962	£100 1/2	£100 1/2
Chinese Bonds		
4 1/2% Bonds 1938	£103	£103
(Eng. Iss.)	£97 1/2	£98
4 1/2% Loan 1908	£87	£88 1/2
5% Loan 1912	£87	£88 1/2
5% Reorg. Loan	£97 1/2	£98
1913 (Lan. Iss.)	£98 1/2	£98 1/2
5% Bonds 1925-47	£98 1/2	£98 1/2
5% Shai-Nanking Rly.	£77 1/2	£78
5% Tient-Pukow Rly.	£32	£32
5% Tient-Pukow Railway (Supl. Loan)	£28 1/2	£28 1/2
5% Shai-Hchow Ningpo Rly.	£101	£101
5% Honan Rly.	£26 1/2	£26 1/2
5% Kiangsu Rly.	£47	£48 1/2
5% Lung Taing U. Rai Rly. 1913	£16	£16
Foreign Bonds and Banks		
German 7% Int. Loan 1914	£65 1/2	£66
Japan 5% Sterling Loan 1907	£82 1/2	£82 1/2
Japan 5% Sterling Loan 1924	£94 1/2	£94 1/2
H.K. & Shai Bk. 4 1/2% (Lan. Iss.)	£138	£137 1/2
Chartered Bk. 5% sh. 1916	£16	£16
Industrials and Breweries		
Associated Elec.	24 7/8	24 7/8
Industries	24 7/8	24 7/8
British-Amer. Tob.	128/9	128/9
(Bearer)	128/9	128/9
Chinese Eng. and Min. (Bearer)	19/-	19/-

"TELEGRAPH" ART SUPPLEMENT

Topical Pictures To-morrow

The illustrations in to-morrow's issue of the *Telegraph* Pictorial Supplement will include some interesting photographs taken at the New Year's Day Meet of the Fanning Hunt at the Governor's New Territory residence. Christmas parties will be illustrated, these including events in connection with the Society for the Protection of Children, the Victoria Gaelic Officers' Mess, the 4th Kowloon Troop of Boy Scouts, and the Seamen's Institute dinner to naval men. Included will also be groups taken at the weddings of Mr. Robert Reynolds and Miss Dolores Baye, and of Mr. Tang Shih-yuan and Miss Ng Yee-shan. Prize-winners in the Canadian Chinese Club's fancy dress dance will also be seen.

	Jan. 2.	Jan. 3.
Tate & Lyle	103 1/2	103 1/2
Courtaulds	47 1/2	48 1/2
Distillers	95 1/2	94 1/2
Dunlop Rubber	50 1/2	51 1/2
Eveready 5/- sh.	24 1/2	24 1/2
General Electric (England)	51 1/2	50 1/2
Boust 5/- sh.	46 1/2	46 1/2
Imp. Chem. Ind.	37 1/2	37 1/2
Imp. Chem. Ind. (Def. 10/- sh.)	10/-	10 1/2
Imp. Tobacco	141 1/2	141 1/2
Woolworths 5/-	114 1/2	114 1/2
Internat. Nickel		
to par val.	\$23 1/2	\$24
Turner & Newall	55 1/2	55 1/2
Unilever	24 1/2	24 1/2

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Anglo-Dutch	23 1/2	23 1/2
Burma Corn. Rs.	9 1/2	9 1/2
Austin Motors ord.	46 1/2	46 1/2
Charid. 15/- sh.	21 1/2	21 1/2
(Bearer)	21 1/2	21 1/2
Gula Kalumpung Rubber	20 1/2	20 1/2
Trepan Mines 5/-	9 1/2	9 1/2
L. a. g. L. a. g. L. a. g.	32 1/2	33 1/2
Sub-Nigel	247 1/2	251 1/2
Pekin Synd. 2/-	1 1/2	1 1/2
ord. sh.	31 1/2	31 1/2
Ruby Trust	54 1/2	54 1/2
Shai Elec. & Cont.	54 1/2	54 1/2
Van Ryn Deep	60 1/2	61 1/2
Electric Musical Industries	31 1/2	30 1/2

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Burma Oil	70 1/2	71 1/2
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Rolls Royce	109 1/2	109 1/2
Shell Trans. and Trad. (Bearer)	45 1/2	46 1/2
Goldenhuis	26 10 1/2	26 10 1/2
Crown Mines 10/-	258/9	262/6
Chasen Corp.	36 1/2	36 1/2

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The giant bellry of the twelfth century Cathedral of Santa Cruz in Coimbra has tilted over at a dangerous angle and threatens to fall at any moment. Masses of masonry have already fallen into the street and inhabitants are abandoning their homes in the danger zone. The Post Office has been evacuated and traffic in the nearby streets has been prohibited. *—Reuter.*

RADIO BROADCAST

Relay of Hongkong Hotel Orchestra

CLASSICAL PROGRAMME

From ZBW on a wavelength of 355 metres (845 kilocycles):
4.7 p.m. Chinese Programme.
7 p.m. Stock Quotations.
7.08-7.40 p.m. Light Orchestra

CLAYTON'S FINE WICKET KEEPING AGAINST CLUB

AS-1 SEE IT

HONGKONG'S INTERPORT SOCCER HANDICAP

RULE WHICH PREVENTS SELECTION OF BEST MEN

"ONLY players actually resident at a Port, shall be eligible to represent that Port in this competition, and no period of less than one month shall constitute residence for the purpose of this rule." Thus reads the first part of Rule 12 governing the Interport Football Competition, and thus is Hongkong "put on the spot" so far as the Selection of its Interport team is concerned.

THE PROBLEM

IN the ordinary course of events the rule could be regarded as wise legislation. Nobody is going to dispute the necessity of residential qualification when it comes to a person representing a Port. Unhappily the course of events have not remained ordinary and Hongkong has a number of leading Chinese footballers, who play week by week for either South China or Chinese Athletic in the local league, have their business and residence in Canton. They are recognised as bona-fide playing members of the Hongkong Football Association, and enjoy all the privileges of such a member, being eligible, not only to take part in league football, but in the Senior Shield competition, Lai Wah Cup, Charity Cup, and all representative matches, save those of Interport. Could anything be more anomalous? Here we have some of the best footballers in Hongkong, permitted to play in all local competitions, but barred from an Interport by reason of a rule, which I am sure, was never meant to apply under such circumstances.

PLAYERS DENIED RIGHTS

SO far as I know only one serious attempt has been made to amend this rule, and then the idea was to contract it by imposing a ban on all players who worked in Canton, irrespective of whether they resided in Hongkong or not. I do not think overtures have ever been made to Shanghai to effect an amendment which would relieve the paradoxical position of these Canton players. And all the while potential Interporters are being denied the right which is theirs by virtue of being members of the Hongkong F.A., and the Interport selectors are suffering from tied hands.

SIMPLE PROPOSITION

IT seems such a simple proposition. Without in any way depriving the competition of a residential qualification ruling, or in any form obtaining an unfair advantage over Shanghai and the other Ports, Rule 12 could be amended to do away

BY "VERITAS"

RESIDENTIAL QUALIFICATION OF CANTON PLAYERS

with an intolerable situation. To select for the Interport team footballers, who daily move and have their being in Canton, would today violate the principle and spirit of a rule, but it would not affect Shanghai in the slightest. Shanghai could never be in the position to call on the services of such players. On the other hand Hongkong have an indisputable right to these players in so far as they participate in all phases of local football.

EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE TO AMEND

EVEN the fact that the Hongkong F.A. has no residential qualification ruling in connection with its own competitions, or even any prescribed radius between a player's clubhouse and his residence, in no way affects the matter under discussion. The Interport competition has rules of its own, which can, by mutual consent be amended, declared null and void, or added to, in such a way as may be deemed fit. It is too late this season to approach Shanghai with a view to altering Rule 12, but the Hongkong F.A. might well do so before the next visit to the North. Hongkong is definitely handicapped at the present time through this rule, and as the whole aim of the Interport competition is to place in the field the best representative teams possible, it is reasonable to expect Shanghai and Tientsin to agree to any amendment in the rule which will facilitate this aim being fulfilled.

TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP

Perry And Hughes In Second Round

London, Jan. 3. In the Australian lawn tennis championships, today, the English pair, Perry and Hughes, won their way into the second round.

Perry defeated Mahoney, and Hughes defeated Robertson in straight sets.

Miss Joan Hartigan, acting on doctor's orders, has withdrawn from the Australian championships. Reuter.

The following will represent the Kowloon Indians Tennis Club in their match game with the Central British on Sunday at 4 p.m. on the C.B.A. ground:

Rumzan, Karnail Singh, (Capt.), and Amrik Singh; J. Noronha, T. Singh and Mohinder Singh; J. Singh, Pinito, G. Singh, Sousa and D. Noronha.

Reserves.—H. Singh and Pereira.



HAMMOND.

HAMMOND HITS CENTURY

GREAT INNINGS FOR M.C.C.

LEATHER HUNTING FOR BARBADOS

Barbados, Jan. 3. After their disappointing display against a local team during the New Year holidays, the M.C.C. today showed a big improvement when they met a fully representative team of Barbados in a three day encounter.

The visitors enjoyed first occupation of the wicket, and kept Barbados in the field all day, scoring 352 for the loss of six wickets before the close.

Wally Hammond, the prolific Gloucestershire run-getter, was in characteristically aggressive mood, completely collaring the Barbados attack to hit up 158 not out. His batting was exhilarating.

R. E. S. Wyatt, the M.C.C. skipper, touched some of his best form to contribute 65. Reuter.

LEAGUE CRICKET

Ballard and Forsyth Rout Medicals

Magnificent bowling by Corporal Ballard (seven for 13) and Pte. Forsyth (three for 13) caused the dismissal of the Royal Army Medical Corps, and gave the Royal Army Service Corps victory by 73 runs in a Junior Division League match at Sookunpoo yesterday afternoon.

After dismissing the Service Corps for the low total of 103 runs, the Medicals found Ballard and Forsyth bowling at the top of their form, and only one batsman, Major Bonavia, reached double figures. All the wickets were clean bowled. Ballard practically won the match on his own account, as he had scored 28 runs when the Service Corps batted, and in partnership with Capt. Welch saved his side from collapse. Scores:

R. A. S. C.				
Capt. Kimm, b Apps	10			
Dr. Clayton, b Apps	15			
Capt. Welch, b Gouley	22			
Cpl. Ballard, b Trimble	28			
L/Cpl. Crawford, b Gouley	0			
L/Sgt. Flood, c and b Apps	0			
Brig. Seth Smith, b Apps	0			
Cpl. Rogers, b Bonavia	12			
S. O. M. S. Digby, not out	2			
Pte. Forsyth, c Trimble, b Bonavia	5			
L/Cpl. Cooper, b Trimble	0			
Extras	9			
Total	103			

Bowling Analysis				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Gouley	13	1	45	2
Apps	15	4	28	4
Bonavia	6	1	11	2
Trimble	3.2	—	10	2

R. A. S. C.				
Major Bonavia, b Forsyth	11			
Cpl. Colledge, c and b Ballard	1			
Pte. Morris, b Ballard	3			
Capt. Trimble, b Forsyth	1			
Pte. Snook, b Ballard	0			
L/Cpl. Gouley, b Ballard	0			
Pte. Saunders, b Ballard	1			
L/Cpl. Leigh, b Forsyth	1			
L/Cpl. Meadows, b Ballard	2			
Pte. Apps, b Ballard	1			
Cpl. Catt, not out	5			
Extras	4			
Total	30			

Bowling Analysis				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Ballard	10	1	13	7
Forsyth	10	4	10	3

Will secretaries of hockey clubs having fixtures with the Central British Association please communicate the dates of those games to Mr. J. J. King, c/o Messrs Falconer and Co., Union Building, as the Club's official fixture list has been mislaid.

Ladies Disappoint In Hockey Trial

POOR FORM BY HALF BACKS

(By R.H.B.)

The Hongkong ladies gave a poor display in their first Interport hockey trial match at King's Park yesterday afternoon. A second trial is to be held on Monday afternoon and unless better form is forthcoming the selectors will be faced with a ticklish problem.

The Colours forward line and half-backs who played yesterday look suspiciously like being the final selection.

Miss O. Brown, easily the fastest runner in local ladies' hockey, is practically assured of a place on the left wing. Yesterday she displayed her usual bursts of speed and gave Miss Jacks a lot of work to do.

MISS GITTINS SHINES
Miss P. Gittins, at inside-left for the Whites, put in some good reverse stick work especially in the first half. She had bad luck with a solo effort when she just failed to find the net.

Miss Margaret Woolley, the probable leader of the Hongkong attack against Shanghai, scored both goals for the Colours, while Miss Joan Churchill, who took over the position of centre-forward for the Whites in the second half scored their goal.

It is understood that Miss Churchill will not be participating in the Interport game. This will be a definite blow as she is practically assured of the position of inside-left with Miss Brown on the left flank.

HALVES UNIMPRESSIONING
Miss H. Knill, on the right wing for the Colours, put in some very good centres with hard hitting, while Miss M. Remedios, on the left wing for the Whites, did splendid work in the first half.

None of the half-backs on view impressed very much, while of the full-backs, Miss F. K. Walker and Miss E. M. Gray were safe.

Miss A. Fowler indulged, as is usual, in lusty hitting. In this category Miss Fowler stands alone but she is not a safe choice for the final team. Miss M. Banto inclined to infringe with "sticks" when completing her stroke.

The goalkeepers, Mrs. R. Rose and Miss B. Hance, had little to do and were never seriously tested.

Training Boy Footballers

1,000 SCHOOLS ACCEPT PLAN

More than 1,000 schools, it is understood, have expressed readiness to accept the Football Association's plan for the expert coaching in football of boys in secondary schools throughout the country.

This means that about 250,000 boys will have the opportunity of learning the theory and technique of the game under exceptional conditions.

The scheme has already been put into operation in Essex and Middlesex, but it will not be working fully until next season.

The coaches are to be mainly old professionals, and about 50 will be required.

They will visit each school, three times, give demonstrations with the ball, supervise team play, and deliver lectures with the aid of a blackboard.

For each visit they are to be paid £1 11s. 6d.

Another important development is to be undertaken in the preparation of an instructional film to be shown in the schools. It is intended that this should be about 2,000ft. long, lasting 35 minutes on the screen.

The full cost of the scheme is to be borne by the Football Association, and it is estimated that the expenses of the coaching will amount at first to about £2,000 a year.

I do not think so wealthy a body will hesitate to spend this sum on such important work, which ought to lead to raising the standard of play.



R. E. S. WYATT.

TRAINING NOTES

PONIES WHICH SHAPE WELL

EARLY START ON FASTER WORK

(By "Capt. Foster")

Training for the Annual Race Meeting has been steadily going on for some considerable time, but work has been more or less confined to building and muscling up the animals. This important part of preparation has been accomplished, and training now advances to the concluding stage of faster work, which is of course, by far the most interesting period.

There is, however, no doubt that the art of training has undergone a great change, say, of ten years ago, and we do not now see the first work of that period. In those days, it was customary to see fast times registered every Wednesday and Saturday morning. Ponies then more often than not were hard-riden down the straight to register a final quarter in 30 seconds. It must not be overlooked that we then raced the "pukka" China pony, a hardly animal noted for the tremendous amount of work which he could undergo. The cross-breeds that we race to-day are more highly strung in temperament and, therefore, do not require the hard preparation of those days. This accounts for the long slow centering work which we are now accustomed to see.

DERBY PROSPECTS

Compared with the last two or three years, I think we shall see a large falling off in the entries for the Hongkong Derby, but the large stables will all be represented.

The "Soldier" Stable has a very handsome blood-like, Brown, and he looks every part a "class" animal.

Mrs. Pearce, in addition to Trowbridge, has a fine looking Bay Mare which moves nicely.

Kong Stable lost a good looking

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SMASHING WIN FOR MCAVOY

Brilliant Tactics And Big Punch

BRITISH CHAMP: IN FORM

London, Dec. 4.

"I thought the roof had fallen in."

That was the quaint comment last night by Kid Tunero, the middle-weight from Cuba, on the mighty right-hand upper-cut from Jock McAvoy, with which the British champion smashed him to defeat in the seventh round, at Belle Vue, Manchester.

"Your champion—he is a jaw-breaker," complained the coloured fighter sorrowfully—and that about fills the description of McAvoy's winning effort.

The punch which sent a record crowd of 7,500 into transports of delight, was one of the best and at the same time most vicious I have seen for a long time.

Tunero had been artfully lured into making a false lead, and as he came within range McAvoy stepped in and whipped his right glove up to the chin. Tunero shot straight on to his back, as though a hammer had struck him, and though he struggled up, and took two more tumblers before a towel was tossed in to signal defeat, I shall always be convinced that "he was beaten in one punch."

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TRIANGULAR TOURNAMENT GAME FEATURES

UNIVERSITY START LEAGUE PROGRAMME TO-MORROW

ARMY'S PROSPECTS AGAINST CRAIGENGOWER

(By R. Abbot)

Seldom have I known a more unpleasant day than last Tuesday, when the last of the Triangular Tournament games was played. The weather in the morning was so inclement, that a start could not be made at eleven, and eventually it was decided to take an early tiffin, and start at 1.15 or so. Actually a start was made at half past one. The wicket was greasy on top and hard underneath, and the ball cut through quickly. It certainly did not favour the batsmen, but was not bad enough to excuse the complete collapse of the Navy.

Redmond bowled very steadily and soon had Branwell following one across that ran away from him; Owen Hughes made no mistake with the catch. After that though Redmond sent down seven overs off each of which, but one maiden, a single was scored he did not get more wickets and Hayward put on Ricketts.

Meantime Acci Bowker, whose length of bowling seems to improve with length of years, was sending them down in very deadly fashion and had got rid of Parks-Smith and Peatfield. The change, however, was sound, as, Hargreaves and Sturdee looked like settling down, when he got one to go straight through and had the latter l.h.w. The rest of the story was just "one damned wicket after another," until with the courage of despair, Crunden clumped Ricketts straight twice for four. The first, however, should have been caught in the deep, and Ricketts should have had four wickets for four runs. Apart from his accurate bowling Bowker fielded beautifully as usual and took a nice catch.

CLUB'S POOR START
For a few minutes it looked as if the Club were going to repeat the Navy's collapse, but they have batting all the way through.

The hero of the occasion was Clayton, who stood right up to Briggs and Crunden and really kept uncommonly well.

He took Ride smartly, and next ball but one whipped off a ball to stump Alec Pearce who had his back foot up for a very short time. Just afterwards he caught Duckitt off one which ran away a bit and then when Stewart and Balnes had improved things a bit, caught the former off Briggs who was keeping a very fine pace and length, though perhaps not doing as much with the ball as was Crunden.

Incidentally I thought Stewart might have been taken early on at first slip off Crunden, but the visibility was so poor that I could not be sure if it was a fair chance or not.

However, here the success of the Navy ended and Hayward and Balnes, who played a very nice watchful knock, got the runs. When he was taken at cover off Hargreaves the game was won. Ricketts and Redmond had a bang or two, but the game was abandoned before five p.m. and I think every one was glad of it.

CONCLUSIONS
On the whole things worked out according to form though, the Club at full strength is in my opinion definitely a better team than either the Army or the Navy. The latter side rely far too much on Branwell for their runs, and beyond Briggs and Crunden, have not very strong bowling. But the Club will have to have out their best side to beat the United Services at Chinese New Year. If Pote-Hunt's fielding against the Army is his usual form, and if he can get some practice I fancy he should be the only alteration in the team that played on Tuesday. One hopes that this—the only two-day match—will not be ruined by the weather.

I am glad to see that the old established Part and Present cricket team is still kept up at the University. It only seems the other day that Hiptoola was playing for the Varsity, but I believe he has been down for quite a long time. The Present made quite a good show, although they lost.

TO-MORROW'S GAMES
And that reminds me that the University 1st XI play their first League game to-morrow at Pokfulam against the Navy. The latter team are well used to matting and I rather favour their chances, though I must admit that as yet I know very little of the University's cricket this year. If they could get Branwell out cheaply anything might happen.

It is rather a commentary on the uselessness of averages to see that the Army, for their match against Craigengower, have dropped Captain Mitchell, who heads their bowling with 23 wickets for 8.38 apiece. Elvin and Bonavia are both spin bowlers and as he has been out of luck in batting I suppose they are giving him a rest. If the game were to be played at Sookunpoo I should strongly fancy the Army's chances, but on the Craigengower wicket anything may happen. Still I think the soldiers will win.

In much the same way I should have no doubt of the Club beating the Recrelo at home; but there is just a chance that on the King's Park ground something might happen. However, it will be very surprising if the Club does not win. At Happy Valley it is possible that the Civil Service will hold K.C.C. to a draw, though frankly I doubt it. The I.R.C. have no game.

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ENGLAND NEEDS GOOD LENGTH BOWLERS

M.C.C. EXPERIMENT MAY HAVE EFFECT

MR. FINDLAY PUTS FAITH IN NEW LBW RULE

"BODYLINE" BOWLING: HINT TO COUNTY CAPTAINS

Mr. W. Findlay, secretary of the M.C.C., made a number of important statements at the annual meeting of county cricket secretaries at Lord's recently.

Speaking of the Test matches he said: "The Australians were a better side than we and deserved their success. They taught our bowlers the value of length."

"Perhaps the new lbw rule, which is to be the subject of experiment next season, may encourage bowlers of the type of Alfred Shaw and J. T. Hearne. Shaw and Hearne had complete control of their length and rarely pitched a ball short or too far up unless they meant to do something."

NOT TOO MUCH

With regard to statements made in certain quarters that a heavy responsibility will be placed on umpires in preventing bowling which constitutes a direct attack

on the batsman, Mr. Findlay said he did not think the extra responsibility would be too much. Good-length bowling would help to kill this type of attack quicker than anything else.

"County captains," he added, "were very helpful years ago in assisting to abolish throwing, and I think county captains will be able to assist again. M.C.C. must issue to umpires full and clear instructions."

The South Africans will be here next season, and in extending to them a warm welcome, Mr. Findlay said that in the event of neither side having gained an advantage in the first four Tests (each of three days), the last Test match, at the Oval, will be allotted six days.

Mr. Findlay also made an interesting announcement regarding entertainments tax. "During the early part of the year," he said, "the M.C.C. committee obtained counsel's opinion in regard to entertainments tax on members' subscriptions and entrance fees."

"Opinion was sought as to the justification or otherwise of the principle that in cases where members only are admitted to the pavilion, the value of such admission is to be based on the highest charge, or a proportion of the highest charge, made to the public on such occasions for their accommodation, it being borne in mind that so far as the public are concerned the charge includes entrance money plus stand money."

"The M.C.C. committee were advised that there is no legal means of challenging the rulings of the commissioners on the principle, although counsel disagreed with this conclusion of the commissioners on this subject."

BOXING

INTERNATIONAL CONTEST

LEE THEATRE
SATURDAY,
5th Jan., 1935
at 9.15 p.m.

Featherweight Championship of the Colony.

A. B. PRANDY

H.M.S. Kent

Featherweight Champion Royal Navy and Royal Marines

STOKER DEE

H.M.S. Phoenix

Bantam and Featherweight Champion of Cornwall

10 Rounds Welterweight Contest

MAX BRILKA

Former German Welterweight Contender

A. B. APPLEBY

H.M.S. Pandora

6 Rounds Welterweight Contest

A. B. FANCY

H.M.S. Midway

A. B. WINGRAVE

H.M.S. Midway

6 Rounds Middleweight Contest

Cpl. FITZGERALD

H.M.S. Kent

A. B. CLARKE

H.M.S. Midway

6 Rounds Welterweight Contest

A. B. PARKER

H.M.S. Midway

P. O. DAVIS

H.M.S. Kent

6 Rounds Welterweight Contest

A. B. ROBINSON

H.M.S. Midway

Mel. HERMES

U.S.S. Mindanao

Booking at MOUTRIE'S for Members of the Hong Kong Boxing Association on Wednesday, 2nd and Thursday, 3rd January.

General Public:

Friday, 4th and Saturday, 5th Jan.

Ringside Seats \$5.50;

others \$3.50 and \$1.10. (Including Amusement Tax)



Warner Oland, Drue Leyton and Raymond Milland as they appear in the latest Charlie Chan thriller "Charlie Chan in London," which starts a run at the King's Theatre on Sunday. Appearing on the stage in conjunction with this film, will be the Hollywood Blondes, who have taken Hongkong by storm.

Training Notes: Ponies Which Shape Well

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Dark Brown, but the stable has a "classy" looking Liver Chestnut Mare with a White Blaze, and a shapely Dun.

Mr. Dunbar has, I think, four, and they all look well. Mr. Ho Kom Tung has a number of griffins in training. I like a "grey" but, I understand, his Chestnut is considered his best, and was bought in Shanghai after a time gallop of 3-08 for the mile and a half.

The "View" Stable has a breezy Chestnut and a nice moving Bay Mare, which is a little on the small side.

Messrs. Mackie and Grayburn have a good looking Chestnut in

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Smashing Victory For Jock McAvoy

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There was so much shouting and confusion when the Cuban hit the floor that no one could hear the time-keeper's count.

The referee, operating inside the ropes, took up the call some seconds after Tunero went down, and officially the fight was resumed at the count of "nine." I counted Tunero to be on the canvas for eleven seconds.

He lay flat out at first. Then he struggled to his knees, only to sprawl halfway across the ring to collapse again.

Still, all was well.

McAvoy, elated but relentless, gave him no chance to pull round.

He beat him down again with a hook to the jaw, and as Tunero, game but semi-conscious, struggled up, McAvoy put the issue beyond doubt by smashing him half through the ropes with a final swinging right.

In came the towel, and they carried Tunero out, leaving the English champion to dance a jig of triumph.

It was a brilliant effort, and was the more dramatic because when the winning punch was put over the crowd was becoming a trifle impatient at the endless fiddling and sparring.

McAvoy took the first three rounds in a row by his usual storming body punching, but he found Tunero as quick as a cat in skipping clear of any blow aimed at a vital point.

Tunero had a good left, even if it was a lightly delivered one; his defence was shifty and puzzling, and he had an uncanny knack of "riding"

blows to minimise their force. Occasionally he would vary his flicking left leads by a hefty drive to the body which made even McAvoy pause.

McAvoy, in fact, seemed almost timid by the fourth round. It appeared as if he did not know quite what to make of an elusive, slippery rival—how to corner him for a solid hit.

Afterwards he explained to me why he abandoned aggression and took to finesse.

"I would have chased that Cuban all night and not caught him with a knock-out," he said. "So I gave it up and made him come to me."

"He was not to be caught by a hook or swing, so I waited until he came close enough for an upper-cut—and then I let him have it."

McAvoy's knock-out would have stayed in a door, and Tunero was still dizzy when I saw him in his dressing-room.

McAvoy's performance reads like an outstanding one—and it was. He made a clever boxer very ordinary, revealed an astute fighting brain by a change of tactics at the right time, and terrific punching power when his big chance came.

McAvoy on this showing has advanced still further since last I saw him. Can he win the world's championship from Marcel Thill?

Tunero started this story, so he had better finish it.

"Yes, most certainly, your McAvoy will beat Thill. I think he would knock him out like he did me."

were the Cuban's final words. And he ought to know. He has beaten the French title-holder.

WOMEN'S SQUASH RACQUETS

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London, Dec. 4.

The opening rounds for the championship of women's squash rackets—that fast, noisy game played in a small court in a minimum of clothing—began yesterday at Queen's Club, Baron's-court, W., with Miss Susan Noel, the present champion and best woman player in the world, looking on as a spectator to see who was most likely to win her undefended title.

Sixty-four top-rank players had entered, in the hope of carrying off the title Miss Noel has held for the last three years and which she is only relinquishing now because she only relinquishing now because she has even more serious ambitions for lawn tennis than for squash courts. Squash rackets as a woman's game has developed out of all recognition in the last two or three years. The young competitors at Queen's Club this week are among "the" world's fastest and best women players, and they bring an immense seriousness and enthusiasm to the game.

Most of them come off the court limp and weary-faced, and the noise echoing up from the enclosed field of battle reminds one of a school half-holiday in a swimming-bath.

The great popularity of squash among women is at first a little hard for the outsider to understand, for there are no frivolous reasons for playing it.

VIOLENT EXERCISE

It is difficult and often boring to watch, the players look far from their best, it is hard and noisy, and there are no social attractions included—like the tea interval at a cricket match or the open-air and excitement of tournament tennis. The young women who play squash are usually fairly serious athletes, and play for the simple reason that it is an excellent game.

It is particularly a busy woman's game, offering violent exercise in a brief time and a small space. It develops a superb quickness of eye, brain, and hand like no other game in the world.

A few years ago, shorts on the squash court were exciting a good deal of unfavourable comment. Now a skirt is a conspicuous exception.

SHORTS IN PLENTY

Nearly every player yesterday afternoon went on in a short-sleeved or sleeveless blouse, and every known variety of shorts—from those superbly tailored ones that are nothing more or less than a short divided skirt to the unflattering belted and pocketed small boy's model.

It is an odd fact, though, that the finalists in these championships are almost invariably from among the few skirt-wearers who compete. Miss Noel, the present champion, always plays in a skirt; so does Miss M. Lamb, the player most highly fancied as her successor.

The greater success of the skirted players is not, however, a pure success of old-fashioned modesty, but partly, as Miss Noel rather cynically says "because if you're wearing a skirt it's harder for your opponent to see the ball."

The shorts-wearers yesterday, however, did their best to make the dark ball invisible to each other by wearing black or navy blue shorts.

their batch and Messrs. Lewis & Tinson will be well represented in Derby Griffin events.

Messrs. HEN's nice looking kept-over grey Herod looks well.

Dr. Macgown has a nice looking Bay which I gather has been named Bonnie Dundee.

Mr. C. B. Brown also has a nice moving griffin, which promises well.

AUSTRALIAN PONIES

The new Australian Ponies are shaping well, and some fast gallops have already been registered. The ponies which appeal to me at the moment are

Derby Day (Dr. S. N. Chau.) Southern Cross (Mr. Leong Kwok Cheong.)

Got That (Mr. Harold Seth.) Streamline (Mr. E. L. Hosie.) The Maori (Messrs. Lewis & Tinson.)

NEW SUB GRIFFINS

In my next article I shall have more to say regarding the new Subscription griffins. They are, in my opinion, the best batch that has been brought down, and I expect to see plenty of good racing amongst them this year. I understand that Mr. W. H. Choy had to destroy his "Sub" Blue Riband, which was a promising animal.

The best performance shown to date is undoubtedly that of No. 70 (so far unnamed) owned by Mr. Chan Wing Yung. He has covered the mile and a half in 3-28 but finished—all out—in 37 seconds. I cannot say that it was a well ridden gallop as the first mile—in 2-14—was much too fast, and took too much out of the animal, hence the poor finish.

Other "subs" that shew possibilities are

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The draw for the Championship event resulted as follows:

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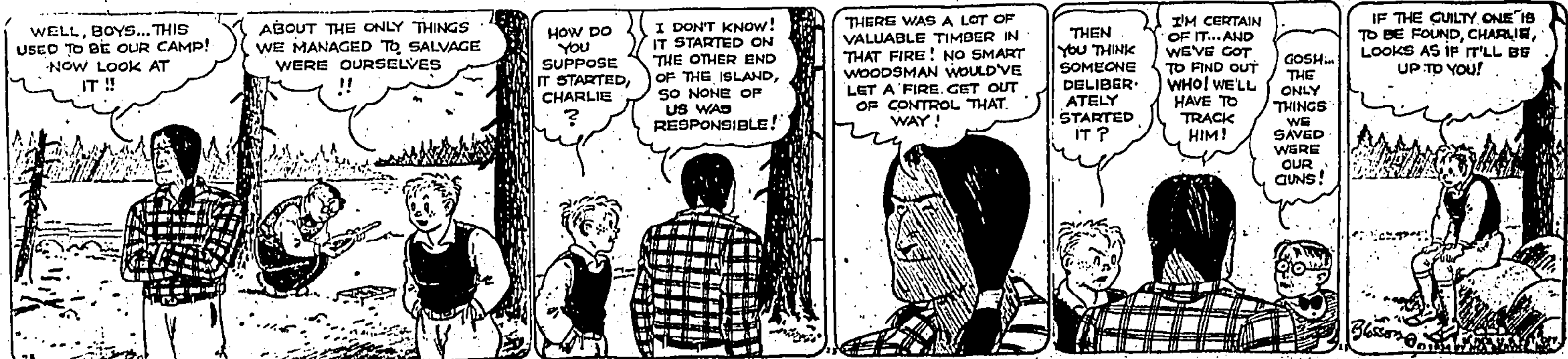
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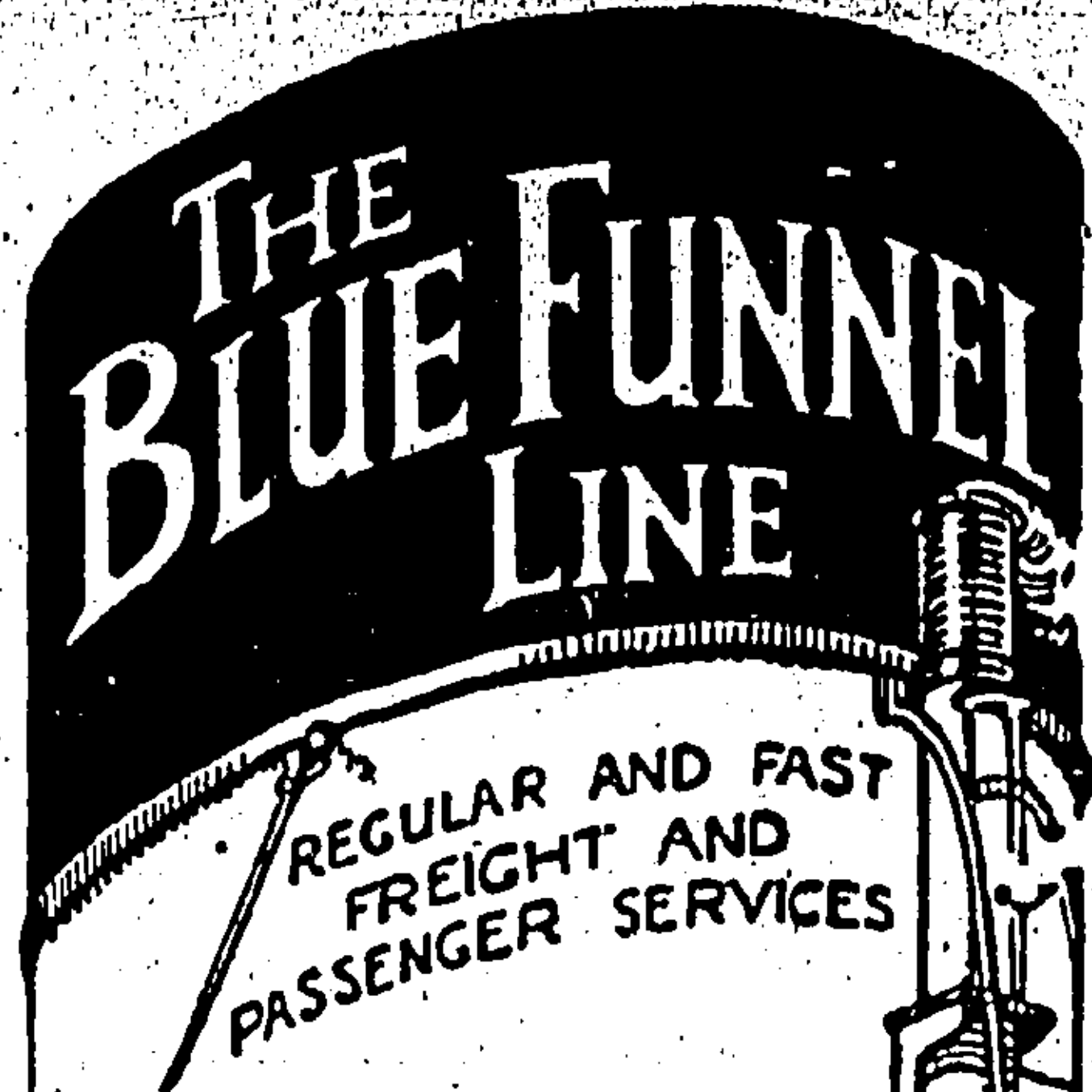
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SERIAL STORY—

Lovable

By MARY RAYMOND



Tony and Ann moved rhythmically, easily on the crowded floor.

BEGIN HERE TO-DAY

ANN HOLLISTER, pretty and 20, with the family fortune to pay debts of her father, now dead. On the day of the sale a young man, striped by motor trouble, came to her home to telephone. After he leaves Ann finds a blue vase missing and in its place a note signed "P.K." and \$50.

Ann gets work as a librarian and becomes friendly with HAROLD KENT, who is employed at the library. She meets TONY MICKLE, commercial artist, and is attracted by him, though Sarah warns her that Tony is a little and irresponsible.

The chief librarian sends Ann to see rich and PETER KENDALL, factory owner to obtain permission to open a branch library in K. industrial factory community. Ann is successful. Returning, her car almost collides with a car driven by a young man. He is the same young man who stopped at Ann's home in Georgia. They talk and Ann declares her failure to interview the factory owner.

Later word comes that Peter Kendall has agreed to the opening of the library.

Ann realizes she is falling in love with Tony.

CHAPTER VI

Tony and Ann became engaged the following Saturday. Lying in the sand, his blue eyes warmly approved Ann's firmly moulded, healthfully tanned young body. Tony said, "It looks as though that contract is a cinch. And a very good thing for us."

"Why?"

"You like to eat regularly, don't you?"

"I do," said Ann, her gray-brown eyes turned steadily upward as a warm tide of colour crept upward in her cheeks. "But what has your contract to do with me?"

"Little nut," said Tony. "Pre-tending not to understand. You know we're getting married, don't you?"

"Ann turned and met his challenging eyes. Her happy laugh was smothered suddenly as Tony pulled her close in his arms, kissed her lips, eyes, hair and soft throat.

"She drew away, leaping to her feet. "Tony, we're on the beach!"

"I don't care," he said. "Besides we're engaged, aren't we?"

"Race you to the point and decide on the way," Ann said breathlessly.

They reached the point. Ann was more breathless, her heart pounding joyously. Tony, not winded at all, gazed down at her eagerly, expectantly.

"Is it yes?" Then, without waiting for her answer, he crushed her to him again.

"It's yes," Ann said simply.

They sat down on the sand, her head against his shoulder. She was a little sobered in spite of the joyous excitement. She had known Tony such a short time. And, although they had been seeing each other every day for weeks, he was in many ways still a stranger.

She tried to explain some of this to him, but it was impossible with his lips an ardent barrier against her words.

Tony said frankly, "I never thought I was a marrying man. With so many marriages going on the rocks it seemed a lot of trouble and waste of time to tie yourself up with a wedding and then go to the expense and trouble of having somebody cut it for you. See?"

Ann didn't exactly see. Tony didn't believe marriages could last. Perhaps not, even though the thought made her a little sick.

"Maybe ours will be different," Tony conceded as the silence grew. "Anyway we're getting married. Soon."

"When is soon?" asked Ann, practically.

"As soon as I can put aside enough for the down payment on a ring. It won't be a headlight, Ann. Just a little glimmer."

They were walking toward the bathhouse now. Ann gave his arm a squeeze. It was so perfectly drying of him, thinking of the ring.

Later, sitting down in the pavilion, the first little rift in her happiness came. Ann became conscious of the girl seated at a table near by. For some reason, she disliked the slim girl with the dark eyes. There was no reason for this, except that her stare was so cold, so direct, and at times a half-mocking smile about her lips.

When the girl and her escort arose to leave the girl stopped behind Tony,

placing a hand on his shoulder. "Surprised?" she drawled.

"Hello," said Tony. He introduced Ann to the girl—Eileen Wallace—and her escort.

The name meant nothing to Ann. But she was amazed to feel a little anger when Tony reached up to take the girl's hand and continued to hold it.

While Ann was talking to the girl's escort, she heard Eileen Wallace say in a low voice, "You promised to call. You didn't."

"Yes, I know."

When they were gone Ann asked, "Who is she, Tony?"

He lit a cigarette before replying. There was a touch of irritation in his voice.

"I thought I introduced you, Eileen Wallace."

Ann, nettled, said, "So you did. But an introduction doesn't give one the picture."

"Oh, you want a character sketch," Tony said easily. "Well, then—girl about town, nicely sums it up. Look here, Ann, you're not going jocular on me, are you? How I hate a jealous woman!"

"No," said Ann. "I promise I won't. That is, I won't show it. It's showing it that is so horrid. I'd never show it."

"A little uncertainly." "Our house was between two families who made a lot of noise. On one side, kids whooping and yelling. Dad and I didn't mind that. But on the other side a man and his wife were always rowing. It was awful. Dad said it was a good lesson for me, that I could learn to discriminate about noises."

Tony said, "You're a little philosopher, Ann." He reached over and caught her hand, gripping it hard. "We may row like the devil, but I'll always love you."

"No," said Ann. "Rows are out. They finished the celebration by dancing. What matter if they were part of a motley crowd? They were alone, Tony and Ann, clinging closely to each other, moving rhythmically, easily on the crowded floor.

Loving each other so, they couldn't ever really row, Ann told herself. Things, people, couldn't matter—people like Eileen with her predatory eyes.

At 12 o'clock Ann kicked off her numps and slipped into her sheath-like gown.

"How you can keep in this pace," Sarah grumbled sleepily, as Ann crawled into bed. "I don't see."

"I won't much longer," Ann launched her bombshell. "I'm getting married!"

"Ann, you're not!" Sarah was wide awake now. She reached for the bed lamp and flooded the room with a soft light. Ann's luminous eyes met hers.

"No need to ask who the lucky devil is, are you sure? Tony's an awful risk."

"He's going to settle down. Wait and see."

"Oh, yeah! Well, when do I kiss the bridegroom?"

"Soon," Ann said vaguely, remembering Tony had said, "Soon."

Sarah, not too optimistically, waited for signs of Tony's "settling down."

They were not forthcoming. Tony went blithely and gaily on his way.

Ann explained loyally that Tony had to have recreation. He was working himself to death over his new contract, trying hard to get ahead.

But Ann was troubled. There were shadows under her eyes. She and Sarah almost came to an open quarrel one night when Tony, assisted by an obliging taxi driver, arrived at the apartment. "I won't have drunks—no matter who they are—cluttering up my living room," Sarah declared.

She had been none too sympathetic when Ann made black coffee for Tony, drove him home and then came back to cry herself to sleep.

Tony had been a repentant afterward that even Sarah had felt faintly hopeful.

But September passed. October followed. November came and went and it was December. Still Ann wore no ring.

She told herself she must be sensible. How could the down payment ever be managed when Tony was so extravagant about flowers, dinners, and dancing?

To-night, for instance, they were planning to dance at the Blue Jug. Hebie Wilson's orchestra was playing there and, no matter how extravagant, Tony would not miss his favourite.

"Lo," Sarah said, coming in and tossing her hat aside. "Well, wasn't this a day? I don't know when I've seen such a mob wanting books. Oh, Ann, I have a message for you! I met Tony and he asked me to tell you something important had come up and he couldn't make it to-night. Said he'd explain later."

"You mean he isn't coming?"

"That's what he said."

"Funny, he didn't phone."

"Goodness, you don't expect Tony to be conventional? Anyway, here's a break. Mac called this afternoon and asked me to spare you a date for Dick Randall, a customer of his. Dick blew in with four tickets for Hebie Wilson and asked Mac to get him a date. I've been working my poor brain overtime. Is there any good reason why you shouldn't be Dick's date?"

"I don't know."

"It would be silly to sit here just because Tony's fled up."

"Who is Dick Randall?"

"I really don't think he's so hot. He goes with a pretty fast bunch, but what do you care? It won't hurt to be seen out with him once."

"Tony wouldn't like it."

"Tony?"

"Well, I'll go," Ann said. She put on her new sky-blue dress, powdered her lovely skin that was a pearl satin, now that the summer tan had worn off, and went—not too happily.

It was while Ann was dressing that she met the eyes of Peter Kendall. He saw her and grinned, and Ann lifted her hand in gay salute as she whirled past.

"There's Peter Kendall," Sarah said.

"Is the girl with him Valeria Bennett?" Ann asked.

The girl in Peter's arms was dressed in white. Her eyes were blue, and large. Her full, curved lips, vividly rouged, did not go with the Madonna-like eyes.

"Who else?" Dick answered. "The Bennett girl must be leading Kendall around with blinders on. She certainly has him fooled."

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"Or a man either," Sarah retorted. "Look at the blonde at that table in the corner, pulling a Mac West on the old gentleman."

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Ann had time to recognize the girl who was holding Tony's arm, smiling up at him. It was Eileen Wallace.

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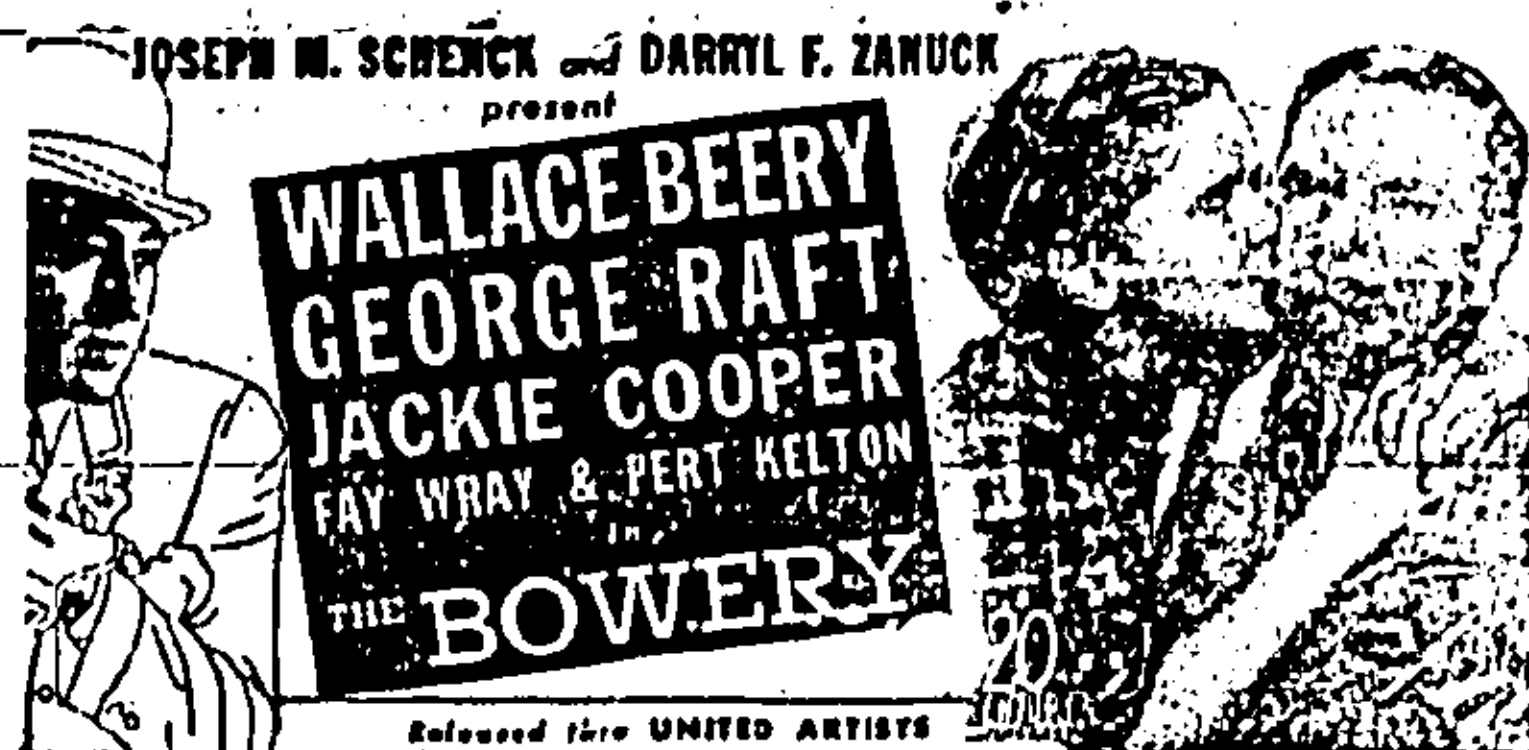
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The retiring President, Mr. E. C. Thomas, was thanked for his services. The new officials are Mr. A. Morris, President, and Mr. E. R. Price, Vice-President.

Those attending the meeting included the Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes, Mr. G. S. Hugh Jones, Mr. D. Davies, Mr. R. R. Davies, Mr. D. J. Williams, and Mrs. E. V. Hooper.

The report of the year's activities submitted by the secretary stated in part: The current year has closed with a membership roll of six life members and 83 ordinary members. During the year, one old member has qualified as a life member and five new members have joined. It is pleasant to record that there have been no losses in membership during the year.

A wreath from members of the Society was laid at the Cenotaph on St. David's Day by the President, accompanied by the Vice-President and Members of the Society. The annual dinner, followed by a dance, was also held and special thanks are due to Mr. W. H. E. Thomas and Mr. D. F. Davies for defraying the expense of the dance orchestra, to the choir of the 1st Battalion, the South Wales Borderers, for the many excellent choral renditions, and to Mr. and Miss Phelps and Mr. D. M. Richards for their greatly appreciated vocal items.

The President organised a hike which took place on February 14 and the party felt deeply grateful to Mr. D. B. Evans who greeted them on arrival at Shing Mun and provided much needed refreshment.

Congratulations and well-merited thanks are due to Mr. E. Lloyd Jones for the organisation of a most enjoyable bathing picnic which was held on August 4.

Newspaper Fund

The Hongkong Telegraph opened a fund to augment the Mansion House Fund for the relief of the dependents, of the victims in the deplorable disaster at Gresford Colliery. The local appeal re-

sulted in the collection of \$412 of which \$385 was donated by members of the Society. As a token of appreciation the Editor of The Hongkong Telegraph expressed a desire that the Society should forward the money to the Mansion House and this was accordingly done. In this connection, special thanks are due to Mr. E. F. Price for launching and piloting the appeal to its successful termination, and to Mr. W. H. E. Thomas for securing a special privilege rate of exchange. The sterling amount forwarded was £33-7-4, for which a letter of thanks has been received from the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor of London.

A letter was sent to the Officer Commanding, the 1st Battalion, South Wales Borderers, expressing sincere regrets at the forthcoming departure of the Regiment. Thanks were also conveyed for the invaluable assistance rendered to the Society by the Regiment and wishing them a very happy and successful tour of service in India. The Officer Commanding, writing from Singapore, suitably replied.

A letter cordially welcoming the 2nd Battalion, the Royal Welch Fusiliers, to the Colony and inviting a representative of the Regiment to serve on the Society's Committee was despatched to the Commanding Officer on the Battalion's arrival. A letter of thanks has since been received, while the Committee have also had the pleasant privilege of welcoming Capt. Owen, the Regiment's representative, as a member of the Committee.

The President, supported by the Vice-President, laid a wreath at the Cenotaph at the conclusion of the annual Armistice Service. Invitations to an 'at home' were kindly extended to all members of the Society by Mrs. Powell.

Mr. W. H. Evan Thomas. The Society has learnt with the greatest regret of the impending departure from the Colony of Mr. W. H. E. Thomas, our worthy and esteemed Vice-President, who has done so much to consolidate the Society during his all-too-brief stay in the Colony. We wish him every success in the future. The loss which the Society will sustain by his departure is lessened by the knowledge that a corresponding gain will accrue to other Welsh Societies in the future zones of his activity.

The report, with the accounts, which showed a small balance in hand, were adopted.

Mr. Price took the chair after

POLISH ANXIETY

MAY FIND HERSELF CUT ADRIET FROM EUROPE

London, Jan. 3. Efforts made by France to establish closer relations with Italy and Soviet Russia has caused much concern in Warsaw. It is feared there that unless Poland displays good statesmanship she might find herself cut adrift from the European family and find herself in the same position as Germany.

To avert this possibility, Poland is making attempts to establish more amicable relations with France. At the same time, however, she is determined to in no way endanger her friendship with Germany, which was sealed in 1933 after many years' bitterness. Poland's reconciliation with Germany is regarded with suspicion in Paris. It is contended in Warsaw, however, that the elimination of Poland's animosity towards Germany should be regarded purely as a constructive element in the fabric of European peace.

In one respect the attitude of the Polish Government is showing no sign of relaxation, because Warsaw is still negatively disposed towards the projected East-European mutual security pact. The question of co-operation between Poland and France is expected to be discussed in Geneva next week, between Colonel Beck, the Polish Minister for Foreign Affairs, and M. Laval, the French Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Colonel Beck deliberately refrained from attending the meeting of the Council of the League of Nations in November and December, and his decision to proceed to Geneva next week is believed to be inspired mainly by the desire to confer with M. Laval.

—Our Own Correspondent.

the re-election of officers, Mr. Morris being absent.

A motion that an annual membership subscription of \$5 be adopted in place of the \$2 subscription was passed, a recommendation going forward to the incoming committee that the question of admitting a family to full membership on one subscription be considered.

Other business relating to the forthcoming year's events was discussed, and the meeting was closed.

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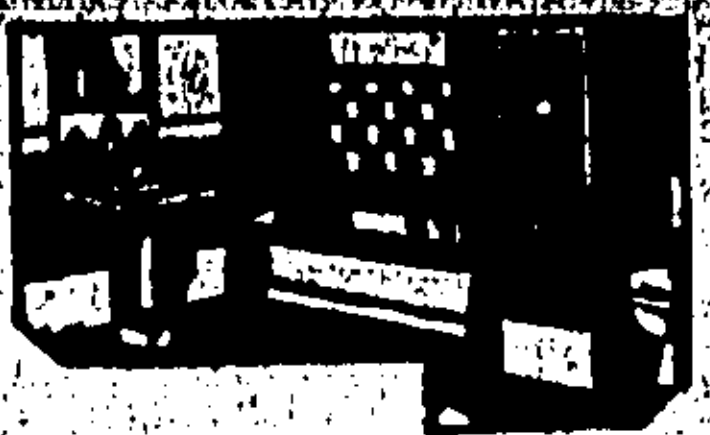
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ALBANIAN UNREST

ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF KING ZOG DENIED

London, Dec. 3. Sensational reports that an attempt was made to assassinate King Zog in Albania are officially denied by the Albanian Legation in London and by Albanian representatives abroad. Similar denials are issued with respect to the reports that further trouble and unrest has developed there.

The reports, which emanated from Greek newspapers, declared that martial law had been proclaimed in North Albania and that the Yugo-Slav frontier had been closed as a result of the activities of an ex-Aide-de-Camp of King Zog's. The reports further declared that this Aide was leading a force of 3,600 rebels against the capital. The reports are ascribed to a desire in certain quarters, unfriendly to Albania, to hold up a loan of \$1,000,000, which Albania is seeking to raise from bankers in the Netherlands and Belgium. —Reuter.



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ATTACK BY ITALIAN TROOPS ALLEGED

APPEAL FOR LEAGUE OF NATIONS' AID

Geneva, Jan. 3.
 The Abyssinian Government has lodged a telegraphic appeal with the League of Nations, alleging that Italian troops are massing near the town of Gerlogubi and that they attacked the Abyssinian garrison there on December 28.

The message adds that two of the defenders were killed and two wounded and that Italian aircraft are now flying over the town and tanks can be seen reconnoitring in the neighbourhood.

The Abyssinian Government requests action under Article XI of the League Covenant and the pressing of every measure to effectively safeguard peace.

The Secretary-General of the League of Nations has replied to Adis Ababa, telegraphing the Abyssinian communication meanwhile to members of the League Council which is to meet on January 11.—*Reuter*.

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Geneva, Jan. 3.
 Abyssinia has lodged an appeal to the League of Nations under Article XI of the League Covenant, complaining that Italian troops are massed before Gerlogubi and requesting intervention to prevent hostilities.—*United Press*.

BORDER FIGHTING

Geneva, Jan. 3.
 The Abyssinian Government has asked for League assistance in connection with the settlement of the dispute with Italy which threatens to precipitate more fighting on the border of Italian Somaliland.

Abyssinia's appeal comes as a great surprise and it is feared that it may complicate the Rome negotiations between M. Laval of France and Signor Mussolini of Italy, who are seeking to formulate a pact for the preservation of Austrian integrity and also to define the interests of France and Italy in Africa.

One of the main points of the proposed Franco-Italian understanding is the question of Italian interference in Somaliland, Eritrea and Abyssinia.—*Reuter*.

CATHEDRAL BLOWN UP

TO AVERT MAJOR CATASTROPHE

Colmbra, Jan. 3.
 With a view to averting a major catastrophe, the huge bell of the 12th century cathedral of Santa Cruz here, which was threatening to topple into the street, was blown up by dynamite today. It crashed into the principal thoroughfare of the town, completely demolishing both the post office and prison buildings, but no one was injured. All electric light and telephone services were disrupted by the fall of tons of masonry, however, and transport was interrupted.—*Reuter*.

NAVAL OFFICERS HONoured

WELL-KNOWN ALONG CHINA COAST

London, Jan. 3.
 Two naval officers, well-known on the China Coast, were included in the New Year's Honours List. They are Lieut.-Commander Hopkinson, staff officer stationed at Shanghai, and Surgeon-Commander D. W. C. Murray, Medical Officer at Weihaiwei, both of whom have received the O.B.E. (Military).—*Reuter*.

F. J. PERRY READY TO TURN 'PRO'

WOMEN STARS ALSO TEMPTED

NEW YORK REPORT

New York, Jan. 3.
 Fred J. Perry, considered the greatest tennis master in amateur ranks since Tilden, will turn professional when he arrives in San Francisco on March 23, from his prolonged tour in Australia.

According to a statement made by the sports promoter, Bill O'Brien, he cabled an offer of \$40,000 to Perry and received a reply.

"Have contract ready," O'Brien adds that he also cabled Helen Jacobs, number one ranking women's player and Mrs. Fearnley-Whittingstall, offering them a contract for \$20,000 and \$10,000 respectively.

He states that Mrs. Fearnley-Whittingstall has definitely accepted and that he expects Miss Jacobs to follow suit.—*Reuter*.

New York, Jan. 4.
 Tilden, interviewed by *Reuter*, expressed the opinion that Perry may decide to withhold turning professional until after the 1935 Davis Cup contests.

Perry is due at San Francisco on February 23 not March 23.—*Reuter*.

Four Lives Feared Lost In Collision

INVESTIGATION ORDERED

NEW YORK TRAGEDY

New York, Jan. 3.
 An immediate inquiry has been ordered into the New York waterfront collision between the Lexington and the Arrow Line steamer Jane Christenson yesterday, which is believed to have cost four lives.

The Coast Guard officers first reported that all of the passengers and crew of the Lexington had been saved. It now appears that there have been at least four fatalities. The men are thought to have been trapped below decks at the time of the collision and to have been unable to escape when the vessel sank in forty feet of water.

The investigation will be conducted by Captain Fried, veteran hero of many a sea adventure and who is responsible for the rescue of hundreds of lives.

The master of the Lexington denied reports of panic after the collision. The passengers also confirm the statement that the crew behaved in the most orderly manner, but there was necessarily wild confusion among the passengers themselves in which the crew was involved.—*Reuter*.

ed to broadcast his address to the jury. The defence would seek to prove that the kidnapping was planned in the Lindbergh home, but that no member of the family was implicated.

He added that five persons, whose names would be disclosed, were involved. He said the child was carried out of the house by the stairway rather than by a ladder from the nursery window.

Mr. Kelly has appeared in over 1,000 murder trials in the last 25 years. He gave an example of the reason he is considered one of the ablest defence lawyers in the United States when, at the conclusion of Mrs. Lindbergh's examination, he dramatically turned to the Bench and said:

"The defence feels for the grief of Mrs. Lindbergh and requires no cross-examination."

The newspapers were unanimous in their praise of Mrs. Lindbergh's courage in the witness stand.—*Reuter*.



The Duke and Duchess of Kent are to-morrow leaving for Munich to visit the Count and Countess of Jettanbach. The Countess is a sister of the Duchess. The royal couple are here shown on their honeymoon at Himley Hall, Staffordshire.

LAVAL ON EXPRESS FOR ROME

TO NEGOTIATE WITH MUSSOLINI

MAY EXTEND EUROPE PACT

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Paris, Jan. 3.
 The French Foreign Minister, M. Laval, acting in the capacity of negotiator for a Franco-Italian agreement, left for Rome to-day, accompanied by a party of secretaries and assistants. The French delegation entrained at 8.20 p.m.

Meanwhile, it is authoritatively stated in Rome that M. Laval in his conversations with Premier Mussolini, plans to extend the Four Power Pact to include the Little Entente and Russia. It is believed that Signor Mussolini is not averse to such a manoeuvre.—*United Press*.

"VIVE ITALIE"

Paris, Jan. 3.
 Amid resounding cheers, "Vive Laval!" and "Vive Italie!" the French Foreign Minister, M. Laval, left on the Paris-Rome Express to-night.

He was seen off at the station by the Czechoslovakian and Yugoslavian ministers to Paris, M. Politis, the Greek Minister, and the Air Minister of France, General Donain, in addition to a red-shirted and be-medalled group of Garibaldi's old campaigners, the grey-haired leader of whom warmly wished M. Laval "bon voyage" and good luck.

Before entering the train, M. Laval said:—*(Continued on Page 7.)*

Portuguese On Trial

BOY VICTIM ON STAND

Luigi Jose Ribeiro, the lad alleged to have been kidnapped by Frederic Barretto and Luis Antonio da Rocha, gave evidence at the Kowloon Magistrate's court this afternoon, when da Rocha again appeared to answer two charges, to which he is pleading not guilty.

The lad, who stated that he was nine years of age, said he remembered having been taken to another house about a month ago by Barretto, whom he identified in court, and to whom he referred as "Sonny."

Asked why he went to the house, witness said "Sonny pulled me away." The Crown concluded its case this afternoon, and it was intimated that da Rocha would later go into the witness-box. The hearing is proceeding.

U.S. MUST BUY MORE SILVER

STOCKS LAGGING BEHIND GOLD

1935 MARKET OUTLOOK

(Special to "Telegraph")

Washington, Jan. 3.
 Mr. Roger W. Babson's Statistical Bureau reports favourably on constructive factors such as inevitable credit expansion and possible currency inflation, which should supply the foundation for higher stock values in 1935.

The \$400,000,000 influx of gold into the United States since June has virtually nullified the Government's efforts to increase silver stocks to one-third the value of gold stocks.

Gold stocks were valued at \$7,778,883,214 while those of silver were \$336,762,767, or only 10.7 per cent. of the total monetary reserve, on May 31 last. On December 29, gold stocks amounted to \$8,232,732,078, while those of silver had risen to \$1,027,404,169; thus the silver stocks on December 29 constituted only 13.2 per cent. of the total reserve, despite the fact that the Treasury meanwhile had acquired tens of millions of ounces of silver.

If the Silver Purchase Act's ultimate objective is to be accomplished on the basis of the present gold stocks, it means that the Government must buy 1,330,000,000 additional ounces of silver.

It was learned to-day that only \$200,000,000 of the \$2,000,000,000 stabilisation fund have been used so far for all the purposes for which the fund was established.—*United Press*.

HIGHER PRICE SEEN

Washington, Jan. 3.
 London expects a silver price advance.

American Treasury officials consider silver as a political rather than a monetary problem and purchases in world markets will be continued, the volume being determined largely by gold movements towards the United States.

Silver purchases are likely to be larger when gold stops coming in. International commodity price advances are expected.—*Scan, Culbertson and Fritz*.

Waterfront Strike May Be Settled

NEW COMPROMISE PLAN SUGGESTED

ONE VESSEL RELEASED

The China Coast Officers Guild and the Marine Engineers Guild of China, which have caused a tie-up of shipping here in order to secure the owners' recognition of the wage scale fixed by arbitration in 1919, may agree to allow to sail the ships of all those who are willing to sign the wage pact.

The uncompromising stand of the Guilds that they would not contemplate calling off the strike until all officers (discharged since the strike) had been reinstated, now has been altered, it was pointed out to-day. It is felt that if the wage agreements are signed and the ships are freed that owners will feel more disposed to reinstate Guild officers. Thus the causes of the quarrel will be removed, it is hoped.

The Guilds announced this afternoon that two companies had already been released. An extraordinary meeting of Guild members decided upon this move this morning. This afternoon the Guilds were waiting for word from the owners of the Tai Li and On Li, the Chuen

ANGLO-IRISH PACT BOON TO TRADE

OTHER AGREEMENTS PROBABLE

BOTH SIDES EXPRESS SATISFACTION

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London, Jan. 3.
 It is anticipated that all imports of coal into the Irish Free State will henceforth come from Great Britain. This will mean an increase of United Kingdom coal exports to the Free State of at least 1,250,000 tons annually, representing the additional employment of some 5,000 miners.

This announcement is contained in an authorised statement from the office of Mr. J. H. Thomas, Secretary of State for the Dominions.

The statement adds that the position in regard to the importation of Free State cattle has been considered in relation to arrangements for the assistance of the home livestock industry when the Cattle Industry Emergency Provision Act of 1934 expires on March 31.

News of the Anglo-Irish trade agreement was received with gratification by the Irish Free State, not only by the immediate interests but by business men generally.

It is confidently expected, both in Northern and Southern Ireland, that the agreement marks the first step towards the adjustment of differences between Great Britain and the Irish Free State.

ULSTER AFFECTED

The agreement will make a big difference to Ulster coal exporters and Belfast colliers will resume their visits to Irish Free State ports.

Mr. De Valera, President of the Executive Council of the Irish Free State, interviewed, said the agreement is the type of understanding which the Free State Government had always indicated its willingness to make.

Opportunities for further similar understandings will doubtless present themselves in time, he added, and will probably be accepted by both sides in the same spirit.—*Reuter Special*.

FULL REPORT

London, Jan. 3.
 The Dominions Secretary, Mr. Thomas, authorised the following statement:

"As a result of discussions, an informal understanding has been reached on the subject of exports of coal from the United Kingdom to the Irish Free State and of cattle from the Irish Free State to the United Kingdom."

"It is anticipated in future all Irish Free State coal imports will be purchased in the United Kingdom. This will mean an increase in coal exports from the United Kingdom of approximately 1,250,000 tons a year, representing the full employment of about 5,000 miners. Coal production districts securing the main benefit are those which are benefiting least from the Scandinavian trade agreements, namely South Wales, North Wales, Lancashire, Cumberland and the West coast of Scotland."

"Whilst the regulation of cattle imports from the Irish Free State are being continued on existing lines, provision is being made for cattle to be admitted into the United Kingdom during 1935 to be, in the case of fat cattle, at rate of 62.2/3 per cent. of the 1935 quantities, and in the case of other regulated classes of cattle a figure approximating to the average for the years 1930 to 1932."—*British Wireless*.

L.C.C. CONVERSION LOAN

London, Jan. 3.
 At a special meeting, which lasted only seven minutes, the London County Council to-day agreed to the issue of £10,000,000 stock at 3 1/2 per cent. to replace the £10,000,000 3 3/4 per cent. stock, which it is estimated, will save the Council £88,000 a year during the next 35 years.—*British Wireless*.

Chow, Anjou, Tolshan and Ping Sang as to whether the wage agreements were satisfactory. As soon as they are signed the ships will be released.

This will leave only the Yuet On to be dealt with. Her owners discharged the Guild officers serving upon her at the time the strike was called, but the Guild hopes that if it agrees to release the ship, following the signing of the wage agreement, the company will be willing to reinstate the men without further pressure being brought to bear. "Indications to-day were that the situation had taken a decided turn for the better," the Guilds announced.



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OFFERPROPOSALS
CONSIDERED

The Chancellor of the Exchequer has promised to consider new proposals from the promoters of the company formed to purchase and run the Red Star Line with £10 Transatlantic fares. This project, as the House of Commons learned from the Chancellor recently was "discouraged" by the Government.

In Parliament Colonel Sandeman Allen, Conservative member for Birkenhead, again asked why the Government had "discouraged" the purchase of the Red Star Line.

The Red Star Line, he told the House, owned in America, though sailing under the British flag was put up for sale. British enterprise decided to remove this foreign competition to British ownership.

It was proposed to take passengers on a cheap cabin service from Liverpool to New York for £10. Five ships were to be altered, giving work in British shipyards and to British seamen and shore staffs.

The new line, thought Colonel Sandeman Allen, would create a market at present untouched and which would therefore not compete with the Cunard-White Star Line.

Foreign interests, he said, knowing of the difficulties which had arisen, were at present in actual negotiations to take over the Red Star Line.

But so keen were the promoters of the new company that they were willing to undertake not to build any new tonnage without first consulting the Government.

THE QUEEN MARY

The Chancellor of the Exchequer reminded the House that the Government's desire in financing the completion of The Queen Mary was to rationalise the British shipping industry in the North Atlantic. He believed that if the White Star-Cunard merger company were faced with this new competition before they had had time to settle down the building of a sister ship to The Queen Mary might be jeopardised.

The interests concerned with the purchasing of the Red Star Line had, he added, approached the Treasury informally. They were told that it would not be in the national interest to proceed with their proposition.

The Atlantic shipping trade was not, he thought, in so prosperous a condition that a new concern would hope to build ships and run them at a profit.

He had only just heard, however, of the new conditions which the company interested in the Red Star Line were willing to accept. If their proposals were put in writing he would give them his consideration.

Several Conservative members expressed their disapproval of the Government's attitude, pointing out that if foreign interests purchased the Red Star Line owing to the Government's discouragement of the new British company the Chancellor's hope of avoiding competition with the Cunard-White Star merger would in any case be defeated, while employment would be given to foreign shipyards and foreign seamen.

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MENDING CHINA

VALUABLE china may be mended with the following mixture and when dry will resist hot water and ordinary usage. Mix a teaspoonful of alum in a teaspoonful of water. Place the broken pieces of china in the warm oven until they are moderately hot to touch, and then coat the broken edges with the mixture quickly and thinly, as it sticks instantly.

MECCA FOR
"BABBITS"PARIS EXTENDS
INVITATION

Paris, Dec. 25. The Paris Exposition of 1937, dedicated to science and art, is being especially planned for the Babbitts throughout the world.

In an address here explaining the scope of the undertaking, M. Edmond Labbe, general commissioner of the Exposition, declared that it will be the biggest thing of its kind in the history of France and that even its scientific and cultural aspects will be of great interest to the man in the street.

"I want to assure everyone that if a flock of Babbitts come to Paris in 1937 they will be pampered and petted," M. Labbe said. "Remember, this Babbitt is not a caricature nor a marionette. He is a good man, sensitive, restless, limited in his views, but not without his aspirations. Like our French counterpart, M. Prudhomme, he is a man."

"Let us invite Babbitt to visit our 1937 Exposition. It will be made for him, for him and his kind."

TECHNICALITIES

Describing the more technical side of the project, M. Labbe said that the exhibition will cover seventy acres of land on each side of the Seine with the Eiffel Tower and the Trocadero as the focal points. The area will be covered with palaces and pavilions. Landscape gardens, and artificial mountains. A fleet of show-boats will ply the Seine.

One of the architectural features of the exposition will be a

Peculiar People
For TrialCHILD ANOINTED
WITH OILFAILURE TO CALL
DOCTOR

Members of the religious sect known as the "Peculiar People" filled the Police Court at Grays, Essex, when Walter Levett and his wife, Hannah Levett, of Victoria-road, Stanford-le-Hope, were committed for trial charged with the manslaughter of their 13-year-old son, Cyril.

They pleaded not guilty.

Mr. G. J. Ball (prosecuting) said that the boy was taken ill about October 2, but his parents objected to calling in medical aid. It was the case for prosecution that because of this the child died on October 13.

William Copesey, of Stanford-le-Hope, an elder, said that he visited the child, who had a sore throat. He could speak "a little above-a-whisper," and could be understood.

"We laid hands on him in the name of Jesus in accordance with the beliefs of the 'Peculiar People,'" he said. "We had a special prayer meeting after the anointing with oil—me and the father and mother."

Mrs. Levett, he said, gave the boy a gargle and a warm drink. On October 13 a prayer meeting was held in the kitchen, and he was called upstairs as the boy was "just about passing away."

THE DOCTOR'S EVIDENCE

Dr. Douglas Craig, of Stanford-le-Hope, said that the cause of death was toxæmia due to a septic throat. The child had simple tonsillitis but the right side went on to abscess formation. If the child had had medical attention the poison in the system would have been avoided and his life might have been saved.

Mr. Percy Lamb (defending) submitted that there was no evidence upon a charge of manslaughter because there must be wanton neglect or such neglect as to show that the parents did not care whether the child lived or died. There was no definite evidence that the life of the child would have been prolonged or saved.

Mrs. Eliza Stammers, sister of Mrs. Levett, called for the defence, said that Mr. and Mrs. Levett treated their children with great kindness and every attention. The boy Cyril had not flannels and other treatment and they were not better after the prayer meeting, better after the prayer meeting, but he had a sudden and very bad change and died within five or ten minutes.

"I would not have a doctor in the house," she declared. "I have always trusted in the Lord and my children have always got well though they have been very bad at times. If people do not recover that is the will of the Lord."

Mr. and Mrs. Levett were allowed bail.

glass edifice, 350 metres long and 120 wide, to be constructed at the base of the Eiffel Tower. Building will be constructed for the housing of graphic and plastic arts, for science and applied arts. Most of the foreign pavilions, it was explained, will be located on the ideal side of the left Bank.—United Press.

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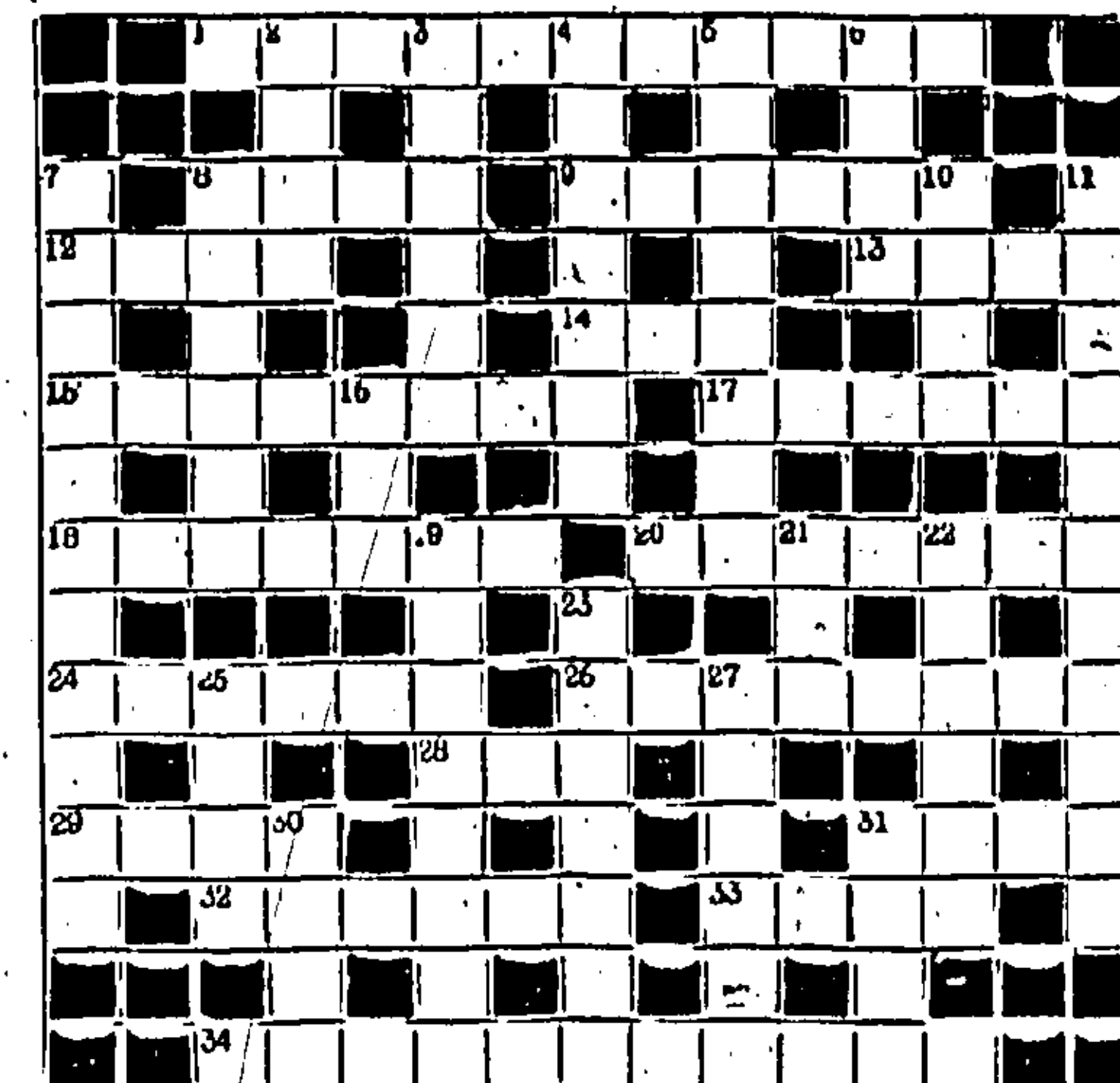
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- 29 Material that is often spun out at length.
- 31 A time of rejoicing.
- 32 This one of the U.S.A. seems to be part of 19 down.
- 33 One of the common reasons for renewal.
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Down

- 2 Bird.
- 3 County that sounds like a wifely remark from a goose.
- 4 Vessel that many men carry about.
- 5 American plain with one vehicle to be seen in it.
- 6 Money made by the successful perhaps.
- 7 A prehistoric creature.
- 8 Weapon that may be caused by a

Succession of kinsmen.

- 10 A little cut in 17 across.
- 11 Though this is no slight ailment it may make a foe very well.
- 16 A palindromic vessel.
- 19 One of the U.S.A. (see 32 across).
- 21 Wood that may be found in a shaving from a Genoa ketch.
- 22 Unfortunately this describes many a man on the dolo.
- 23 Torch.
- 25 Fords or planes might be found here.
- 27 This work is done with worried 20 across.
- 30 Part of a church.
- 31 A quick antithesis to 31 across perhaps.

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WILL FRANCE GO FASCIST?

LA ROQUE MAY BE AN "IL DUCE"

(By A CORRESPONDENT)

IS the younger generation in France heading for the fate which has overtaken the youth of Germany?

All over Europe the same story is repeating itself. The old men cling to office and the young generation clamours for their removal. In proportion as the effects of the economic crisis press more heavily upon the armies of young people turned out each year by the universities and technical schools, so does the demand for change grow more insistent.

The mounting scandals of the old regimes add fuel to the fire, until, at a certain point, the inevitable demagogues arise to exploit the dissatisfaction and inexperience of the youthful element.

A large proportion of the population of Europe is living today under dictatorships, and the dictators are all, broadly speaking, of the war generation. Mussolini is 41 years of age, Hitler is 45. But both reply for support largely upon a generation younger than themselves. These men rule their countries in the interests of

rest upon the sons, whereas in a defeated nation the instinct of self-preservation acts as an incentive. Only now, as the idea gains ground that though France won the war, the French people may have lost the peace, does the spur to action begin to be felt.

But immediately the word "action" is breathed the army of youth becomes divided. There is only one point upon which all are agreed, from the Royalists to the intellectuals of the Left. That point is that the day of Parliament has passed. The significance of that agreement, in democratic France, can scarcely be exaggerated.

Public life in France is notoriously corrupt. The average Frenchman admits it, but hitherto has been cynically tolerant. Since the Stavisky scandal he is more cynical than ever, but less tolerant.

ECONOMIC CRISIS

The economic crisis is hurting France seriously for the first time, the cost of living is high and still rising and unemployment figures are greater than at any time since the war. In such circumstances exposure of the spoils system cause trouble. When Stavisky pulled the trigger of his pistol at Chamonix a few months ago he did not merely blow out his own brains. He exploded a bomb which is rocking the Third Republic to its foundations.

On February 6 of this year ten persons were killed and nearly 600 injured in the rioting of reactionary youth outside the Chamber of Deputies. Stagnation of Parliament, corruption scandals, street fighting—it is Germany over again. There are at least five Fascist parties of the Right, all of them training "black troops." On the Left the Communists and Socialists of the old parties have joined in a united front.

WAITING FOR LEADER

The sands are running out, the battalions of youth take sides and race each other. Inexorably the process goes on, despite protestations and cries of alarm from the very boys themselves. Papers allegedly of the Left, such as "L'Œuvre," publish pictures of young "Francistes" (French Nazis) at firing practice. Yet "L'Œuvre" Agency, which also the Havas Agency, which also controls the Catholicist reactionist journal, "L'Action Française," and many other papers both of Left and Right.

Stage is set, one factor only has been missing until now—the appearance on the scene of the super-demagogue, able to play the role which Hitler plays.

That man has now appeared, each month he comes more into the forefront of the stage, as Hitler did before him. His name is Colonel de la Roque, and the scenes at mass meetings he is holding nightly in the Paris district complete the parallel with Germany. Instead of a house painter there is a colonel and a "gentleman."

Beyond that, nothing—and no difference. No programme, no goal except the goal which is common to all youth everywhere, the desire "to build a new order."

WAR IS BAD FOR ART

SO ARTISTS ARE ARGUING

Brussels, Dec. 23.

War is very bad for the art business, and the art dealers of the world intend to come out strongly for international peace when they hold their second international conference in this city in June, 1935.

This, at least, is the decision reached by the organising committee which has been meeting here. They have put "peace" right up at the top of the agenda. Other subjects on which resolutions will be offered include: "Customs duties and the art trade"; "Public auctions"; "The world crisis and the art trade"; "The social and artistic mission of the art dealer."

Next year's conference grows out of one held at Milan attended by art dealers, collectors, museum directors, artists and others at which it was resolved to form an international association of "those who have the difficult mission of dealing in art objects."—United Press.



A great carnival meeting of Nazi organisation heads, seeking "strength through joy," met recently in Berlin. The principal figures are pictured above.

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KEEP SILENCE

Pan-American officials would not say whether they still plan to operate an "Argentine Clipper," neither would they comment on the probable date that trans-Pacific service will be inaugurated.

The first flight of the new "Clipper" was made several weeks ago. Following final installation of specialised equipment, tests for the

PRESIDENT'S CHAIR

Havana, Dec. 17. President Carlos Mendieta of Cuba in the future will "not be required to use the same chair occupied by his enemy Machado." The new presidential chair, which will be placed in the Cabinet room, was presented to Mendieta from the public and was paid for by public subscription.—United Press.

SOUND THAT SIREN!

Quincy, Mass., Dec. 17. Mrs. Albert Dino was returning from a hospital to her home in an ambulance with her new-born



No fire! Just firemen washing down the Washington capital buildings before Congress reassembles.

Pacific and trans-Atlantic transport flights of the future, Pan-American Airways is fitting out its second giant Sikorsky four-engine flying boat as a long-distance training ship.

The plane has special instruments and extra fuel tanks giving it a cruising range of over 3,000 miles. This, it was pointed out, is 1,000 miles greater than the Bermuda-Azores stretch across the Atlantic, and 600 miles more than the distance between California and Hawaii.

It will have intensive flight training out of Miami, up to its full cruising range. These flights are planned over the Atlantic and Caribbean, and if taken in a straight line would enable non-stop

Department of Commerce licensing will be run, after which Pan-American will conduct a series of acceptance flight tests.

Equipment being installed includes a special fuel pumping system, an electrical service by which the four engines can be synchronized perfectly, advanced two-way radio apparatus, a new direction-finding system, advanced types of sextants and octants together with a drift indicator, to measure surface speed over water.

RADIO DIRECTION

From Miami, the training course will involve night and day operations, on which radio directed flights by means of radio bearings

baby. At a point on Washington Street she asked the driver to slow down and sound the siren. Mrs. Dino held the baby up to a window to receive the cheers of her husband and fellow workers on an E.R.A. project.—United Press.

from the ground direction finding station will be conducted over sections of the Atlantic Ocean and Caribbean sea.

As a member of the operating staff of Pan-American's international air-transport system, Colonel Clarence M. Young will be associated with experimental transport service across the Pacific.—United Press.



In the Bavarian Alps skiers are training energetically for the Winter Olympiad of 1936. Picture shows some of the athletes at Zugspitze.



Mr. Hasek's clever cartoon, reproduced above by kind permission of the London "Daily Mirror," makes fun of the tendency nowadays to regard pastimes merely as health-aids. To extract all the enjoyment possible out of both work and play, depending upon Pinkettes, the gentle little liver laxatives, to keep the system clean and healthy active, is a wiser plan.

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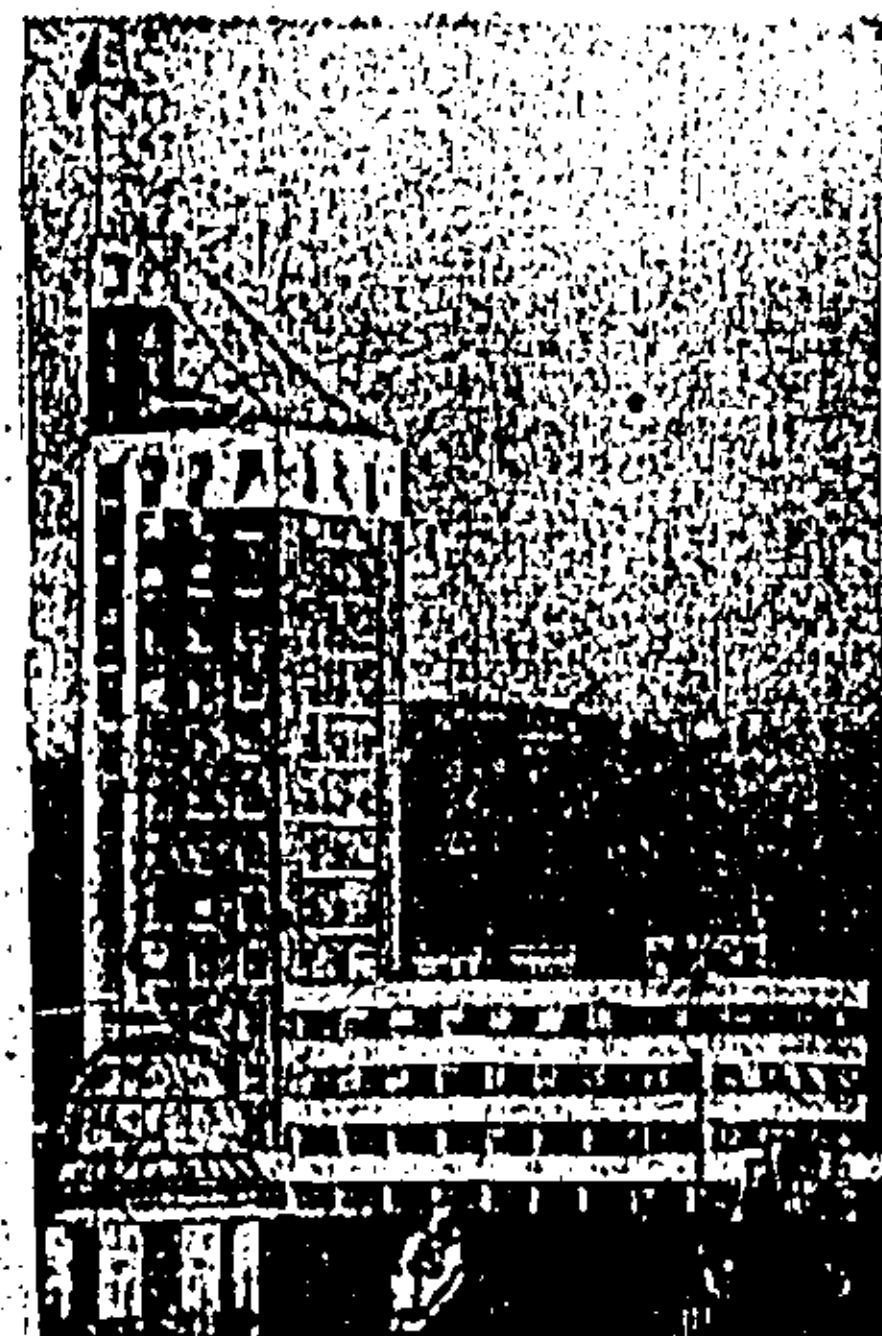
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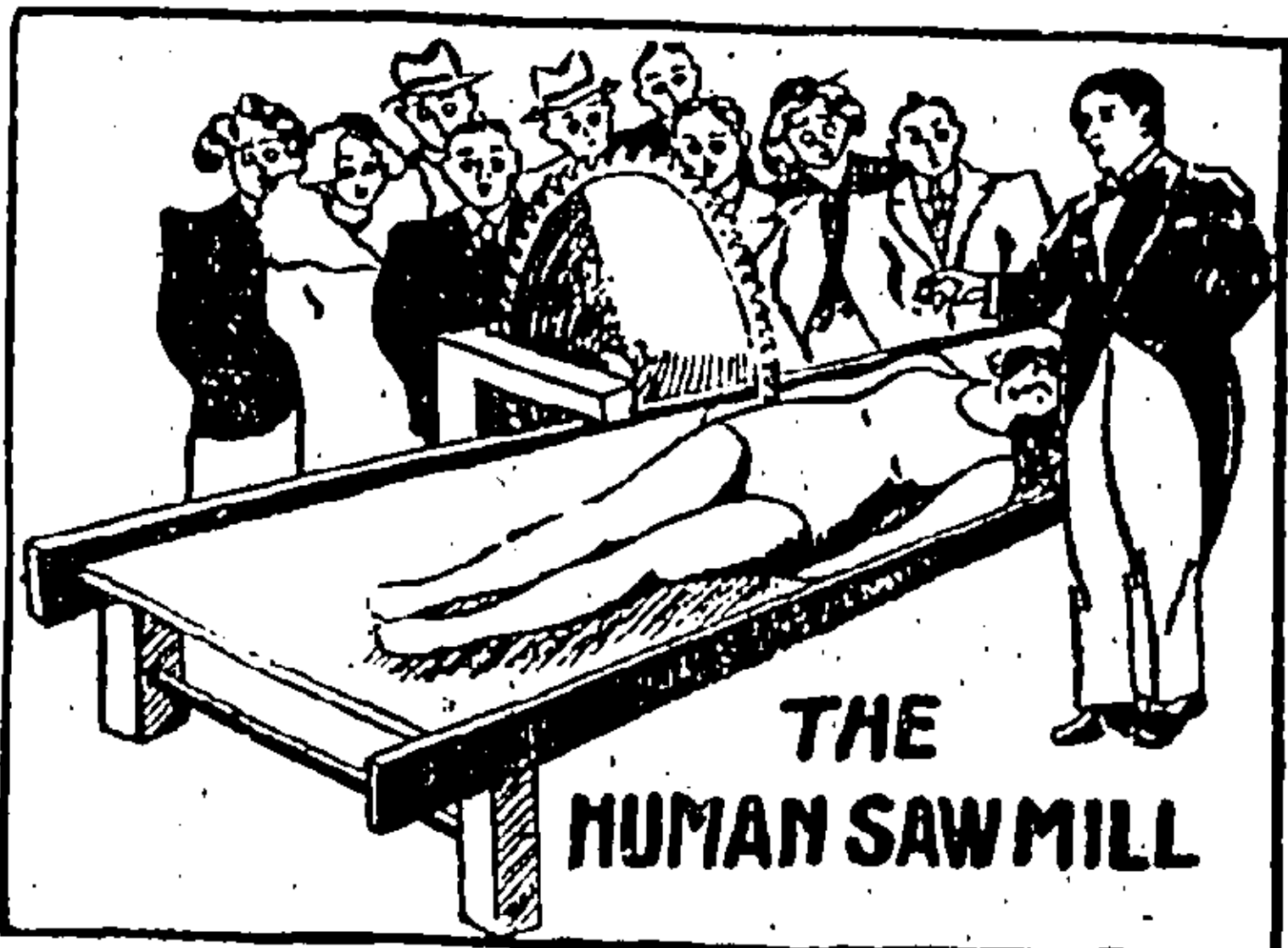
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Gold River	0.18 0.17 0.18 5000	
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Luzon Mining Co.	0.38 0.34 0.36 1000	
Salacot Mining Co.	0.14 0.13 0.14 1000	
Suyoc Consolidated	0.24 0.23 0.23 20000	
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H.K. Bank, (Lon. Reg.), \$1373 1/2 n.
Chartered Bank, \$16 n.
Mercantile Bank, A. and B. \$32 n.
Mercantile Bank C., \$13 1/2 n.
East of Asia Bank, \$30 n.
Anglo Siam Corp., \$20 n.
China O. Fin. Ord. Sh. \$180 n.
China O. Fin. Pref. Sh. \$4 1/2 n.

Insurances.

Canton Ins., \$275 n.
Union Ins., \$515 n.
China Underwriters, \$125 n.
China Fire, \$520 n.
H.K. Fire Ins., \$240 b.
Internat'l Assoc. Sh. \$5.00 n.

Shippers.

Douglas, \$40 n.
H.K. Steamboats, \$7 1/2 n.
Indo-China, (Pref.), \$30 n.
Indo-China, (Def.), \$33 n.
Shells (Bearer), 46/8 n.
Union Waterboats, \$13 1/2 n.

Mining.

Antamoks, 76 cts. b.
Balticos, \$37 n.
Baguio Gold, 40 cts. n.
Benguet, \$14 b.
Benguet, Exploration, 21 cts. n.
Benguet Goldfield, 20 cts. n.
Big Wedge, 10 cts. n.
Gold Creek, 30 cts. b.
Gold River 21 cts. b.
Ipo Mining, \$1 n.
Itogons, 40 cts. n.
Salacot, 10 cts. n.

"TELEGRAPH" ART SUPPLEMENT**Topical Pictures****To-morrow**

The illustrations in to-morrow's issue of the Telegraph Pictorial Supplement will include some interesting photographs taken at the New Year's Day Meet of the Fanling Hunt at the Governor's New Territory residence.

Christmas parties will be illustrated, these including events in connection with the Society for the Protection of Children, the Victoria Gaol Officers' Mess, the 4th Kowloon Troop of Boy Scouts, and the Seamen's Institute dinner to naval men.

Included will also be groups taken at the wedding of Mr. Robert Reynolds and Miss Dolores Baye, and of Mr. Tang Shih-yuan and Miss Ng Yee-shan.

Prize-winners in the Canadian Chinese Club's fancy dress dance will also be seen.

Kailan, 19/- n.
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Cotton Mills.

Ewo Cottons, Sh. \$9 n.
S'hai Cottons, (old), Sh. \$74 n.
S'hai Cottons, (new), Sh. \$44 1/2 n.
Zoong Sings, \$9.40 n.
Wing On Textiles, Sh. \$55 n.

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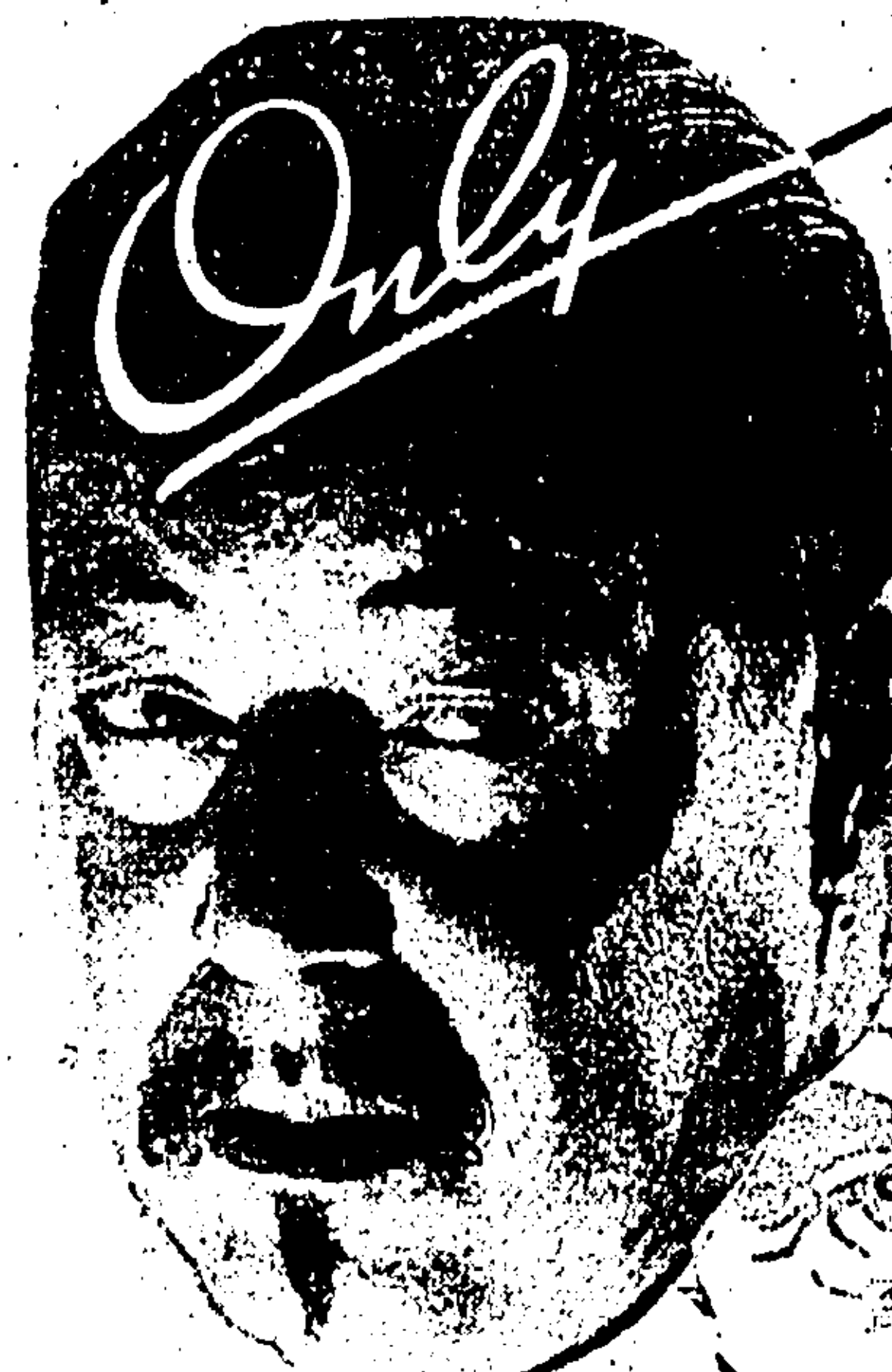
H. and S. Hotels, \$5.30 n.
H.K. Lands, \$55 n.
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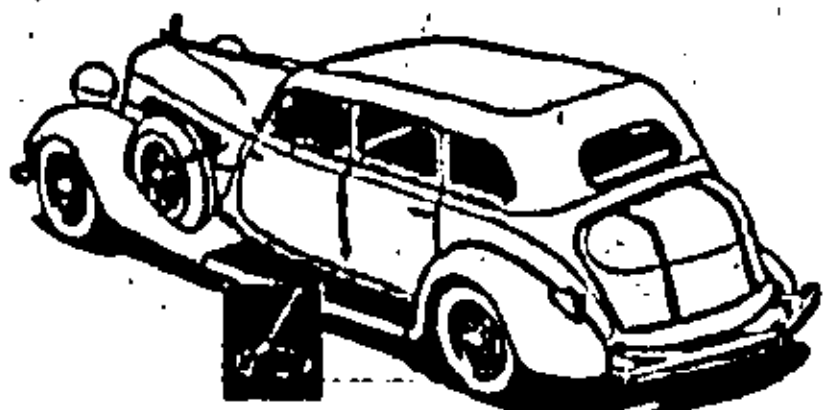
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TOWARDS PEACE

If, as seems probable, the Franco-Italian negotiations result in the conclusion of a multilateral pact to secure the peace of Central Europe, a great step forward will have been registered in the direction of composing the tension which has for so long been the cause of anxiety to the major Powers. Indications at the moment are that France and Italy will restate in emphatic terms their respect for Austria's independence and integrity, and that the next development will be an agreement between Italy, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia and Hungary not to interfere with the internal affairs of Austria or each other, or to initiate any aggressive action. There are even possibilities of Britain and Germany, amongst other nations, being invited to join in the new agreement, although so far as Britain is concerned recent indications have been that whilst she may not feel disposed to join in the pact she would strongly support it in principle. Balkan tension has long been the cause of much concern to Europe as a whole, and in the excitement following the Marseilles murders there seemed for a time every possibility of serious repercussions developing. Yugoslavia's outburst against Hungary and Italy's inclination to stand by the latter country appeared to shatter any likelihood of political accord being attained between Rome and the Little Entente. There were, however, suggestions that Italy might be prepared to modify her diplomacy were Yugoslavia and France to make the path easier for her. Since then, thanks to the negotiations which have been taking place between Paris and Rome, the situation has undergone a marked change for the better, and now the prospect is opened up of a comprehensive understanding which should in large measure guarantee peace in the trouble spot of Europe. The changed outlook comes as a great relief after recent fears that some of the European nations were reverting to the old system of alignments which in the past led to the most disastrous consequences. There can be no questioning the point that hard and fast alliances only serve to provoke

NOTES OF THE DAY

REJOICE

There will be rejoicings in the mining towns of Wales and South-west Scotland to-day and jubilation in Lancashire, for the mines of these pitifully depressed areas will shortly be given contracts for an additional 1,000,000 tons of coal a year, according to the arrangement reached between the Governments of Great Britain and Irish Free State. The people of these distressed areas will thank God that the negotiations, carried on quietly between English and Irish officials, were not tied up and made abortive by stupid antagonisms which might have been anticipated as outgrowths of the land annuities dispute and its repercussions. The National Government may have blundered, as all Governments blunder, in some of the matters it has dealt with during its lifetime, but in a matter of such importance as this one politics never were allowed to pass the closed doors of the conference. Mr. Walter Runciman, Mr. Walter Elliott and Mr. J. H. Thomas, men of affairs and men of vision, and whoever their Irish confederates were, have surely achieved a compromise which will reflect lasting credit to their Governments. Nor is it solely for the fact that they have won an outlet for British coal and given the Irish cattleman a market that the Governments of the two states are to be congratulated, but that they have broken the ice of their enmity and pushed towards open water where there will be more chance of amicable settlement of all the difficulties in the way of a complete Anglo-Irish rapprochement.

SAAR PROSPECTS

Although there have been eruptions of feeling in the Saar, clashes of a minor sort between Communists and Nazis, and Socialists and Nazis, the international military force at present in bivouac in Saar territory has not yet been called upon to act in keeping the peace before the plebiscite. The police, in spite of accusations of partiality, have been able to keep order. There should be no real danger of conflict in the Saar until January 13, the date of the plebiscite. But, unfortunately, after that, the whole complexion of the position may be changed to an extent which may make violence almost inevitable. Everyone knows, by now, the alternatives of the plebiscite: either the Saar goes to France, to Germany or remains under the control of the League of Nations Governing Commission. France hopes that the *status quo* may be preserved, for she has long ago given up any idea of pressing the Saarlanders that they should embrace the tri-colour of liberty, equality and fraternity.

THE POUND OF FLESH

Nevertheless, France still has a claim upon the Saar. The coal mines of that territory were handed over to France by way of compensation for losses in the mining areas of Northern France during the War, it will be recalled. Although these losses have been made good, Germany, according to the French claim, should repurchase the mines from France. Oddly enough, Germany has not argued this point, and has apparently agreed to a compromise arrangement whereby she will pay for the mines in coal produced in them. If then, the Saar goes back to Germany, all will be well. But if by any chance the *status quo* is unaltered by the plebiscite, there are bound to be heart-burnings and resentments which will stir up trouble. There is no reason to suspect Germany of under-handed dealings in the matter. It is simply that the preponderantly German population of the Saar itself will be outraged if they cannot regain their place within the German fabric. And they have declared that they will fight for this ambition. It is in the Saar itself, then, that the danger lurks; and the problem may become another of those troublesome "minority" matters. However, if the plebiscite is favourable to Germany, and that is the way the Saarländers are blowing, Europe will be able to breathe more easily, for another menace to its peace will have been avoided.

counter-alliances, which in turn aggravate matters and pave the way to fresh discord. A far better way is to be found in plans for comprehensive friendship and co-operation, in the spirit on which the League of Nations was brought into being. In the promise of a new order in the Balkans we see some prospect of that spirit being given freer rein. No better start for the New Year could be wished for.

MOUSE THAT MADE A MAN

By TANGYE LEAN

WALT DISNEY is thirty-two. People will tell you that Mickey Mouse was born nearly a quarter of a century later, but their calculation is too superficial to be worth very much. When Disney's biography comes to be written the fact will emerge that he was born with his characters and grew up with them, like every other great artist in history. In the early days of his childhood his family deserted the roaring city of Chicago, which had failed to bless them with riches, and retired to a farm in Missouri. There were pigs and cows and rabbits on the farm; it was overrun by ants and rats and grasshoppers.

Sometimes a skunk came crawling furtively round the barn in search of mice. Young Disney pursued it in fury. The smell was a horror, and for obscure reasons he disapproved quite as strongly of its passion for consuming mice. He grew out of childhood at the age of nine—he was forced out of it artificially by the necessity of earning his own living. He went back to the city. His parents had worked and failed; they were entitled to their escape. But for him the grim and patternless fight with reality was to come. He sold newspapers in Kansas City, getting out of bed at half-past three in the morning. He tried the variety stage and con-juring, and failed at both. He worked as a Post Office messenger in the daytime and a pillar box collector at night. He sold sweets and magazines and apples to people travelling by train to Chicago. For a year he drove an ambulance in Flanders.

All this time something was pushing him on to spend every spare moment at drawing. It may have been the creative impulse of the artist, or it may have been an ineradicable desire to force his ugly life into the pattern and colour which had gone from it with childhood. Perhaps, for that matter, the two things are the same.

His luck was bad. He got a job with an advertising company which specialised in farm work, and was happy drawing cows and jolly farmers at \$10 a month. But he was fired and had to go back to the Post Office rounds. Eventually he was granted a precarious job in a newspaper office, and there an important thing happened to him.

One night as he sat working at his desk, he heard a faint scratching sound and a high-pitched squeak. He shuffled his foot, and everything was quiet. But in that moment memories of the farm at Missouri with its skunks and mice came flooding over him. In an effort to recapture them more permanently, he set about catching those mice, and soon had a minor zoo imprisoned in his inverted wastepaper-basket. For days and weeks he used to watch their antics. It would be foolish to try to analyse the birth of Disney's idea in any detail. He had always been attracted by the cinema, and there was nothing surprising in the particular line along which his thoughts were to run.

About that time Al Jolson was howling his plaintive notes at a world whose critical faculties were momentarily struck dumb by the novelty of a brand new

medium. Theorists might have pointed out that here was the supreme chance for a man who could create an art within an art. For every branch of art has so far given rise to an "escape art" within itself a world where the ugly daughter becomes the beautiful princess and the villain is treated according to his merits.

Such things scarcely ever happen in the real world, and if they sometimes happen in novels and plays there is reason to suspect that they are bad. But the fairy tale and the ballet are things apart. There the universe would crack if the villain came out on top or the heroine lived as miserably in eternity as she did in the beginning.

Perhaps the theorists said all this at the time; but Disney, because he was an artist, and because his whole life had been formed by Providence for this moment, put it into practice. Luck still avoided him. Against heavy financial odds he had already succeeded in making several silent cartoons. But they were failures, and it was not until 1929 that Mickey Mouse, articulate at last, won the enthusiasm of the world.

Six years have passed, and in that time Mickey Mouse has soared to fame on a scale that history has never known before. Hitler is a nonentity compared to him. He receives nearly a million letters every year. Statues have been erected to him, and his portrait hangs in one of the most famous art galleries of America. What is the secret of his popularity? Partly, no doubt, that he is brilliantly drawn and even more brilliantly accompanied by sound effects ranging from a thunderous orchestral crescendo to the villainous pling of a mosquito. What struck critics from the very beginning was that because synchronisation was so perfect and the visible movements of the characters cut down to their essentials, a sense of reality greater even than the ordinary talkie could be obtained. Mickey Mouse is rhythm triumphant. There is infinitely more "kick" in a piano solo played by him than in the performance of the most skilful jazz pianist in the world.

But there are deeper reasons for our love of Mickey Mouse than mere admiration of the drawing and music. He performs the very important function of fulfilling our private wishes. For he holds the unique position in the world of being both physically and intellectually perfect. He can jump over a mountain as easily as we ourselves can in a dream, or he can plan a battle campaign with a strategic perfection which would have been the envy of Napoleon. He may make an occasional mistake, but you can rely on him coming out victorious in the end.

Pluto, his dog, plays the role of an ordinary human being by his side, and what a show-up of the ordinary human being it is, what a display of bright ideas that are really stupid and of blind fidelities that wrap him up in trouble. Mickey, the superman, smiles and whistles his way through life. Pluto, who stands for you and me, crawls grovelling behind. As we watch we join in Mickey's laughter, and, forgetting our relationship to his companion, we are for a few minutes released

(Continued on next column)

The Very Idea!

BRIDGE FIENDS BEWARE!

In Budapest, fifty-four husbands have divorced their wives owing to the latter's addiction to bridge. Bridge is just a pastime; bridge is just a game; Not to overdo it must be your modest aim—Learn this little motto: "Moderation's best." And reflect on what's occurred at Budapest.

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Fifty-four wild women, mad on coup and ruff—
Fifty-four poor chaps who've had enough.

Bridge is just a pastime; bridge is just a joke;
Learn to sip its pleasures; don't attempt to soak;

Few indeed the husbands who can pass the test
Of bridge as it's played in Budapest.

Fifty-four divorces — fifty-four decrees—
Fifty-four poor "dummies", no longer at their ease—
Fifty-four fair gamblers, worried and in debt—
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(Signed) Mrs. Tony Z

The Blondes
Judge Sir Alfred Tobin gave his views recently on women's hair during the hearing of a case against a hairdresser.
"We always heard of grey hairs being treated with respect," he said.

When counsel commented that women did not seem to like it, the judge said: "The most beautiful thing a woman can have is beautiful white hair."

Later he inquired why peroxide was used on hair, and counsel replied: "I think it is to make platinum blonde. There was a lady known as the Platinum Blonde on the films."

Judge Tobin: No; she was known in this court. Her hair, I think, became Cambridge blue.

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Lawrence M.
(signed).

from our imperfections and at one with the gods.

A shilling or two is a small price to pay for a privilege which is hard to come by at a time when opium is banned and drunkenness unrespectable.

The fact is that it would be highly surprising if Mickey Mouse had failed to make Walt Disney famous.



"You must not be so shy when mother drops in to see you."

Germany's Solidarity Achieved

NAZI COMMUNIQUE ASSERTIONS CAMPAIGN OF LIES

(Special to "Telegraph")

Berlin, Jan. 3. Quietly, with some secrecy, high leaders of the Nazi party assembled to-day in the Berlin Opera House and heard the Reichspresident, Herr Hitler, refute the extensive rumours of discontent among the Storm Troops and impending changes in the party government.

The gathering had dispersed within an hour and a quarter, but closed with the issue of an official communiqué which states that the meeting was designed as an overwhelming demonstration of Nazi solidarity, the unity of the leaders of the Reich and the leaders of the armed forces. This unity must be continued to counteract the lying rumours abroad that there was unrest in Germany, it added.

The communiqué flatly denied that there had been any secret arrests and executions. These rumours were allegedly spread from emigrant centres in order to influence the Saar plebiscite vote at the last moment.

The communiqué asserts that such a demonstration as that of to-day destroyed with one blow the lies of Germany's enemies. The reward to their authors was this demonstration of solidarity the like of which had never before been seen in the country.

Herr Rudolph Hess, opening the meeting, emphasised the devotion which those present had for Herr Hitler.

Thereafter, General Goering, Premier of Prussia, conveyed the leaders' New Year's wishes to Der Fuehrer, and Herr Hitler himself addressed the meeting.

Herr Hitler, too, denounced the lies which were told about Germany. There was a campaign of lying abroad, he said. It was necessary that their brothers in the Saar should know the truth of things, that they should want to return home knowing it was a worthy home.

He added that they must give one another hands in boundless trust in this year to come, and concluded by reciprocating the good wishes of his followers.—*Reuter Special and United Press.*

FANLING GOLF

STARTING TIMES FOR SUNDAY

Old Course	New Course
9.30 C. H. Bradley, T. C. Monaghan.	9.40 H. Hamilton, A. McKellar.
9.44 W. Mulcahy, H. G. Wallington.	9.48 W. Pittendrigh, G. W. Reeve.
9.52 S. A. Sleep, D. Ellis.	9.56 W. E. Hunt, K. W. Jones.
10.00 S. T. Butler, N. K. Littlejohn.	10.04 T. C. Fairburn, A. C. Young.
10.08 T. R. Rowell, T. J. Price.	10.12 H. N. Williamson, J. Forbes.
10.16 H. Overy, C. Mycock.	10.20 A. Ritchie, C. H. Burton.
10.24 D. L. Prophet, J. Harrop.	10.28 G. H. Bond, W. W. C. Shawan.
10.32 C. Jackson, G. Milne.	10.36 I. H. Geare, A. D. Humphreys.
10.40 J. MacKnight, W. S. Hillier.	10.44 W. L. Marshall, J. W. Mayhew.
10.48 G. T. May, D. J. Keogh.	10.52 Major Eastwick Field, Capt. Michell.
10.56 R. L. S. Webb, F. Lobel.	11.00 R. K. Collins, J. Angwin.
11.04 C. L. Tatham, J. C. Churton.	11.08 L. R. Billinghurst, P. Morrison.
11.12 A. T. Lay, G. W. Greene.	11.16 A. B. Raworth, E. D. Matthews.
11.20 K. K. Rounds, L. R. Crammer.	11.24 W. G. Malcolm, A. G. Donn.
11.28 W. Woodward, C. W. Bishop.	11.32 E. des Voeux, A. B. Purves.
9.40 a.m. D. S. Robb, A. E. Lisaman.	9.44 A. Sommerfeldt, K. S. Morrison.
9.52 S. H. Dodwell, R. Young.	9.56 R. K. Valentine, G. C. Worrall.
10.00 A. C. I. Bowker, G. Manville.	10.04 H. H. Mundy, R. I. Cherrill.
10.12 J. Fleming, R. L. Stewart.	10.16 M. H. Ivy, E. M. Bryden.
10.24 W. N. A. & Mrs. Smalley.	10.28 Mrs. Harrop, Miss Knill.
10.36 T. S. Morrison, D. Smith.	10.40 D. Baker Carr, Comdr. Holo.
10.48 E. Lewis, R. A. Rodgers.	10.52 C. W. Jeffries, P. S. Frank.
11.00 K. K. Hlop, J. T. Edkins.	11.04 D. A. Campbell, P. H. Seconos.
11.12 H. G. Williams, J. C. Dunbar.	11.16 W. J. Carrio, W. J. Washington.

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CONGRESS FACING ORDEAL

(Continued from Page 1.)

payment of the bonus to war veterans, introduced by Representative Wright Patman of Texas. This bill was given the first place on the House calendar.

Other bills introduced included: One by Representative Louis Ludlow of Indiana, which would create a federal industrial commission for the purpose of stabilizing industrial and agricultural employment.

One by Representative Edward A. Kenney of New Jersey, which would authorize the Federal Government to raise funds by means of a national lottery.

One by Representative John J. Cochran of Missouri, which would authorize the Home Owners' Loan Corporation to issue an additional \$3,000,000,000 of bonds.

AN AMENDMENT
The House adopted an amendment to the House Rules, the effect of which is to require 218 signatures of members to bring out of committee and on to the floor bills which are not brought to a vote by the House leaders.

Following the favourable vote on this amendment, the authors and supporters of various inflationary measures and of a bill establishing a 30-hour week for labour conceded that the new rule had destroyed the chances of their measures being enacted. These measures are opposed by the Administration.

FACING DEFEAT
Political observers predict that President Roosevelt will be able to control Congress in respect to most issues excepting the Bonus Bill. On this measure it is believed that the Administration, which opposes immediate payment of the bonus, faces a possible defeat.

The President announced that he will deliver his annual message in person at a joint session of both Houses of Congress at 12.30 p.m.—*United Press.*

BUS CONDUCTOR GAOLED

THEFT OF LADY'S PURSE

Chiu Yung, a bus conductor employed by the Kowloon Motor Bus Company, who was convicted on Wednesday of stealing a purse containing some silver money and a key from Mrs. M. Bowden on December 31, was brought before Mr. E. W. Hamilton again this morning and was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

The Magistrate remarked that the offence was more serious in view of the fact that the defendant was a bus conductor, and in that capacity was more or less a public servant.

Defendant had been working for the Kowloon Motor Bus Company for 15 months, but previous to that he had been employed by the Kai Tak Motor Bus Company.

ANGLO-GERMAN PAYMENTS LIMITS FOR TWO MONTHS

London, Jan. 3. The Anglo-German Payments Consultative Committee has agreed that in view of the substantial issues in November and December of foreign exchange certificates in respect of the import of United Kingdom goods into Germany, the total issue for payments in January and February, 1935, may be limited to 17 million Reichsmarks (about £1,400,000) in each month.

DAY BY DAY NEWS IN BRIEF

KING AND HIS SUBJECTS, MASTERS AND SLAVES, FIND A COMMON LEVEL IN TWO PLACES, AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS AND IN THE GRAVE.—*Gallon.*

The Hongkong Rotary Club recommenced its weekly lecture meetings, after the holiday season, next Tuesday, January 8. The speaker will be Dr. Hu Shih, of the National University, Peking.

Appearing before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, in answer to a summons for reckless driving, R. J. V. Everest, Jr., Government Works, Hongkong, was fined \$10. It was stated that the defendant drove private car No. 1710 at 40 miles per hour in Chatham Road near the Children's Playground, at 1.10 p.m. on December 19. Traffic Inspector Nicolls prosecuted.

The unlawful possession of three chickens led to the appearance of Lam Kwang, aged 36, a street coolie, before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, when he was sentenced to two months' hard labour. The defendant was arrested in Pei Ho Street near Leichikok Road on January 1, and had the three chickens in his possession. Inspector Shaftain prosecuted.

Republican Programme

OPPOSITION STATES ITS STAND

SOUND BUDGET COMES FIRST

(Special to "Telegraph")

Washington, Jan. 3. Representative Bertrand Snell of New York, whom the Republicans of the House yesterday elected minority leader, to-day offered the Republican Party's programme for economic recovery.

Among the important points of the programme are:

1. The federal budget should be balanced;
2. A sound money policy should be adhered to;
3. Permanent insurance of bank deposits should be established; (The present law providing such insurance is a temporary measure.)
4. The party advocates a high protective tariff;
5. The federal anti-trust laws should be strengthened;
6. Laws for the prevention of war-time profiteering should be enacted;
7. Unemployment insurance premiums should be payable jointly by the employees, employers and the governments of the various states, instead of by the Federal Government.

Representative Snell declared that the Republicans will not obstruct the majority party's programme as a whole, but will consider every measure offered on the basis of its merit.—*United Press.*

GOLD BAR MARKET DULL

SHANGHAI DECLINE NOT RESISTED

(Special to "Telegraph")

Shanghai, Jan. 4. The gold bar market was dull at the opening here to-day.

The price of bars began to fall slightly on small selling, to which there was no appreciable resistance. It was apparent that large operators were holding aloof from the market.

In the foreign exchange market here, traders appeared reluctant to make transactions, as result of which the early trend was confused but the market appeared inclined to steadiness.—*United Press.*

The Gold Bar market turned dead at 10.30 this morning, after which hour there was virtually no transaction made.—*United Press.*

BIG CONTRACT

London, Jan. 3. A contract of the value of £169,720 for two swing bridges, lock and sluice gates for the £1,000,000 Kut Barrage on the River Tigris has been secured by Messrs. Ramsomes and Rapier, of London and Norwich, who recently secured the contract for the lock and sluice gates for the Assiut Dam.—*British Wireless.*

FAIR WEATHER

The anticyclone has increased in intensity and is now centred to the north-west of Shanghai. A depression is moving eastwards to the north of Hokkaido. Local forecast:—N.E. winds, fresh, fair.

Chan Yuk, a painter, formerly living at 39 Ship's Street, was killed yesterday by a fall while employed on a building under construction at Sham Kong Road.

Dr. Hu Shih, who is to receive the honorary degree of LL.D. from the University of Hongkong, arrived this morning on the President Harrison. He is spending at 9 p.m. to-day in the Great Hall of the University, and has chosen as his subject "The Chinese Renaissance."

Arrested outside the Star Ferry on Wednesday in possession of 150 taels of raw opium, Tsang Chuen-sheng, aged 20, unemployed, was brought before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning. Defendant pleaded guilty to the offence and was fined \$3,000 with the alternative of nine months' hard labour.

Because of his good character, and the fact that the case was not pressed, Hung Kwan, aged 42, a carpenter, who appeared before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning on a charge of stealing five pieces of canvas from the Kwong Wah Hospital on December 30, was bound over in a personal bond of \$100, to come up for judgment if called upon within six months. Defendant had been employed by the Kwong Wah Hospital for seven or eight years.

LAVAL ON EXPRESS FOR ROME

(Continued from Page 1.)

Laval made a little speech. He was happy to be on his way to Rome to seal the work of Franco-Italian friendship with Signor Mussolini, he said. This was a task which was never more indispensable: the reconciliation of the peoples of Europe.

The Italian Ambassador to Paris travelled on the same train.—*Reuter.*

GOOD AUGURY

London, Jan. 3. The British newspapers continue to comment hopefully with regard to the outcome of the French Foreign Minister's visit to Signor Mussolini.

The terms upon which the French and Italian Ministers are seeking a settlement of the various issues which for so long have been outstanding between them have not been made known with any precision, and the same applies for the time being to the wider "non-interference agreement" projected between a number of European Powers, but the fact that a French Foreign Secretary is visiting Rome for the first time in 20 years is taken as implying confidence in success.

This fair prospect of Franco-Italian agreement, coupled with the discussion of an agreement intended to remove suspicion and improve relations between European neighbours are together considered a good augury for the New Year. The newspapers do not fail to point out that success on such lines must help to pave the way for an approach to the armament issue.

M. LAVAL'S TASK

Before leaving for Rome this evening, M. Laval, in an interview with foreign press correspondents, is reported as saying:—"The negotiations we have been conducting have been very delicate, but have always been carried on with the greatest cordiality. The task which with Signor Mussolini I am taking in hand is not alone concerned with our two countries. Its aim is higher. It is not merely to establish a closer, more solid and unshakable friendship between Italy and France, but to put that common friendship at the service of world peace."

"I shall defend the interests of France, Signor Mussolini will defend the interests of Italy, but we have the same comprehension of the grave questions we are facing, we shall both defend the interests of universal peace. These sentiments, I know, are shared by all those countries with whom we have discussed our work. They have all same the appreciation of responsibility which lies upon our shoulders."

"I am convinced that the task which I am endeavouring to accomplish with Signor Mussolini will lead us to a rapprochement with all those whose collaboration is indispensable to the safeguarding of the peace of Europe and the world."—*British Wireless.*

MAKING HISTORY

(Special to "Telegraph")

Paris, Jan. 3. M. Laval's visit to Rome is the first made by a French minister since 1916, except for that of M. Briand, when he journeyed to attend the session of the League Council in Rome.

M. Laval's visit to the Vatican will be the first by any minister of France since the separation of Church and State in France in 1905.

Certain points of the African questions remain to be solved between Italy and France, but settlement of these is certain. Complete Italo-French agreement has been reached on the major problem, namely, the assurance of peace by international co-operation in Central Europe, and the negotiation of a Central European convention.

Negotiations will begin forthwith through the chancelleries, and though they will probably last for months, there is high hope for them.

The Rome agreement, apart from Colonial questions, will be confined to a written proclamation of the common attitude, with a view to common action, but it will be of paramount importance as ending the Franco-Italian estrangement and intensifying rapprochement between France, Italy and the Little Entente.—*Reuter Special.*

RAW RUBBER

LATEST SINGAPORE PRICES
Messrs. Benjamin & Potts have received the following Straits currency quotations (buyers) from Singapore to-day for raw rubber:

Spot	21½ up ½ ct.
Apr./June	24½ up ½ ct.
July/Sept	25½ up ½ ct.
Oct./Dec	26½ up ½ ct.
Market	Firm.

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Prelude in G sharp Minor (Rachmaninoff, Op. 3, No. 2).
Mock Morris Dances.
Handel in the Strand.
Delibes in Vienna.
A Musical Jig-Saw.
7.40-8 p.m. Jazz Piano Recital (Rale de Costa).
1. A Thousand Goodnights.
2. True.
3. Sweet and Lovely.
4. Many Happy Returns of the Day.
5. One hour with You-Medley.
8 p.m. Time Weather Report.
8.03-8.43 p.m. Variety.
Humorous Songs—The King of Zulu.
Humorous Songs—Riding down from Bangor.
Frank Grumit.

Organ Solos—Wedding of the Painted Doll.
Organ Solos—Medley of Old Songs.
Leslie James.
Song—Love's Last Word is Spoken.
Gracie Field.
Humorous Monologue—The Lion and Albert.
Stanley Holloway.

Violin Solos—Grinning.
Violin Solos—Remembrance.
Albert Sandler.
Song—Why Can't this night go on forever?
Charles Carlisle (Tenor).

Orchestra—Noel Coward Medley.
8.43-9 p.m. Debroy Somers Band.
1. Northern and Southern Memories (arr. Somers).

2. Dixieland—Selection.
9-11 p.m. Classical Programme.
Sonata No. 3 in E (Bach).
Isido Menzes (Violin) and Harold Samuel (Pianoforte).

Marriage of Figaro—Overture (Mozart).
11 Seraglio—Overture (Mozart).
Ruins of Athens—Overture (Beethoven).

9.30 p.m. Reuter Press Bulletins.
London 1 p.m. Stock and Commodity Quotations.
Concerto No. 5 in E Flat Major ("Emperor") (Beethoven) (Op. 73).
Arthur Schnabel and the London Symphony Orchestra.

"Crown of India" Suite, Op. 66 (Elgar).
11 p.m. Press Bulletins. Stock Quotations.
11.10 p.m. Close Down.

21 YEARS AGO

Extracts From the "Telegraph" Files

The following extracts are from the Hongkong Telegraph for the week ended January 3, 1914.

The rate of dollar on demand was 1s. 11½d.

On being taken over by Mr. D. E. Donnelly and Mr. L. M. Whyte, the firm of Garner, Quehen and Co., wine and spirit merchants changed its name to Donnelly and Whyte.

Mr. Albert Raymond severed his connection with Messrs. S. J. David and Co., and Mr. A. David was authorised to sign for the firm.

Mr. Andrew Forbes resigned his interests in Messrs. Bradley and Co., Ltd.

Mr. F. X. D'Almada e Castro took Mr. C. Farebrother Mason into his legal practice as a partner.

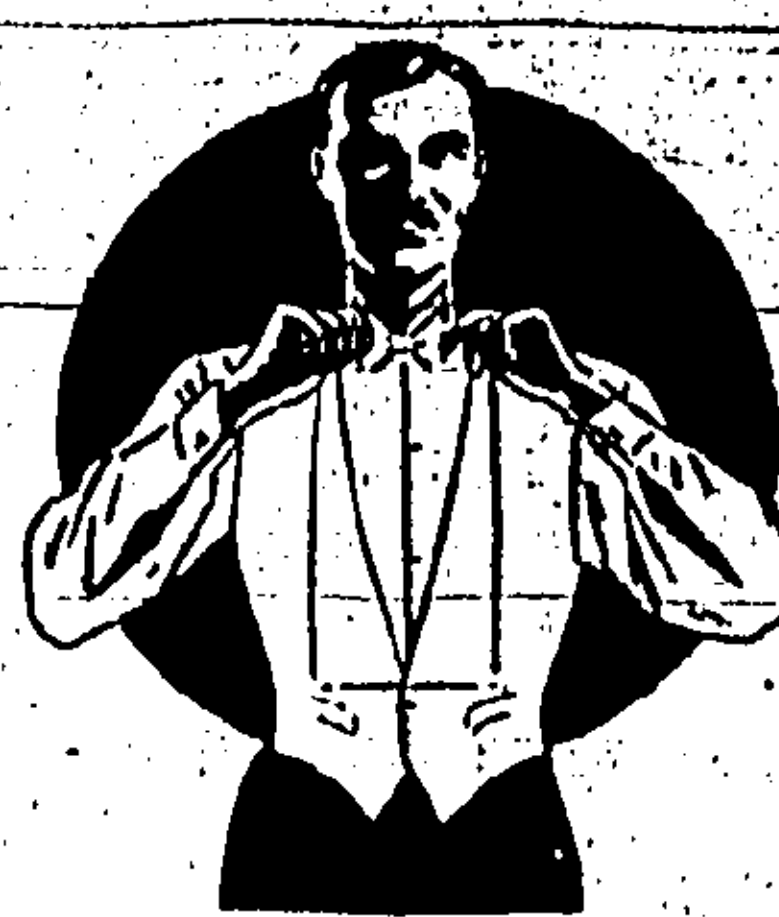
Mr. G. Norrington was appointed Second Lieutenant in the Volunteer Corps.

EXCHANGE RATES

	Jan. 2	Jan. 3
Paris	74.17/32	74.7/32
Geneva	15.17½	15.10½
Berlin	12.25½	12.10
Helsingfors	226½	226½
Oslo	—	—
Athens	517	516
Milan	57.9/16	57½
Buenos Aires	—	—
Shanghai	1/4.13/16	Holiday
New York	4.94	4.92½
Amsterdam	7.27	7.24
Vienna	26½	26½
Prague	117.15/16	117½
Bucharest	400	400
Madrid	35	35.13/16
Tientsin	1/8.13/16	1/8½
Brussels	21.01	20.05
Stockholm	—	—
Copenhagen	—	—
Lisbon	—	—
Bombay	1/6.1/16	1/6.1/16
Yokohama	1/2	1/2
Rio	4½	4½
Montevideo	30½	30½
Belgrade	218	210
Montreal	4.80	4.83½
Silver (Spot)	24½	24½
Silver (forward)	24½	24½
War Loan	109½	109.5/16

—*British Wireless.*

Chung Yu-nam, a builders' foreman, was injured yesterday by a fall from an upper story of the new Hongkong & Shanghai Bank building. He was removed to the Government Civil Hospital with an injured thigh.



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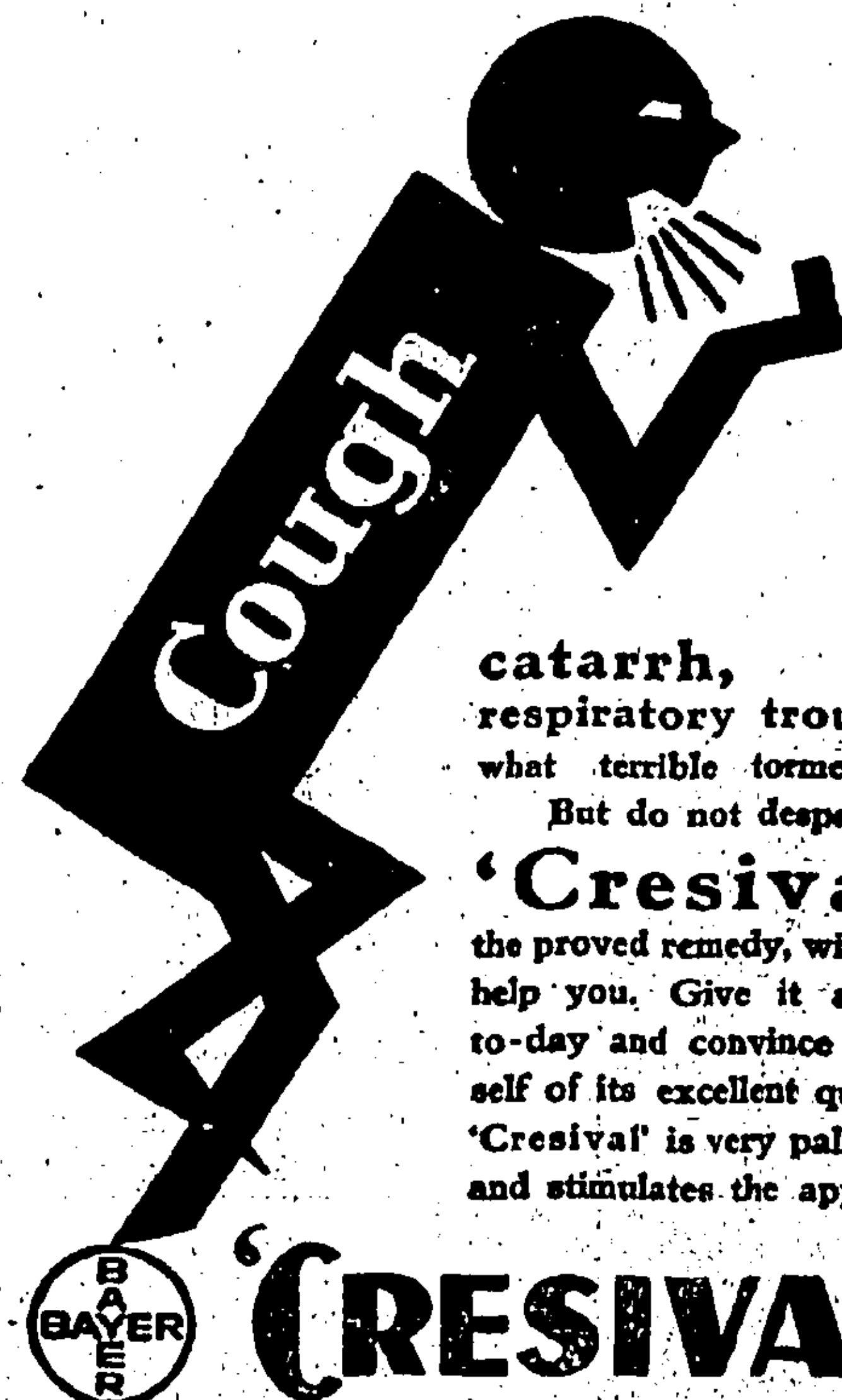
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BRAZIL EMBARRASSED

Washington, Jan. 3. The Brazilian Embassy here announced to-day that payments on Brazil's foreign obligations, which are about to fall due, will be delayed owing to a shortage of foreign exchange at the disposal of the Brazilian Government. The announcement added that the payments would be made as soon as possible.—*United Press.*

CLAYTON'S FINE WICKET KEEPING AGAINST CLUB

AS I SEE IT

HONGKONG'S INTERPORT SOCCER HANDICAP

RULE WHICH PREVENTS SELECTION OF BEST MEN

RESIDENTIAL QUALIFICATION OF CANTON PLAYERS

"ONLY players actually resident at a Port, shall be eligible to represent that Port in this competition, and no period of less than one month shall constitute residence for the purpose of this rule." Thus reads the first part of Rule 12 governing the Interport Football Competition, and thus is Hongkong "put on the spot" so far as the Selection of its Interport team is concerned.

THE PROBLEM

IN the ordinary course of events the rule could be regarded as wise legislation. Nobody is going to dispute the necessity of residential qualification when it comes to a person representing a Port. Unhappily the course of events have not remained ordinary, and Hongkong has to suffer. The problem is this: a number of leading Chinese footballers, who play week by week for either South China or Chinese Athletic in the local league, have their business and residence in Canton. They are recognised as bona-fide playing members of the Hongkong Football Association, and enjoy all the privileges of such a member, being eligible, not only to take part in league football, but in the Senior Shield Cup, and the Lal Wah Cup, Charity Cup, and all representative matches, save those of Interport. Could anything be more anomalous? Here we have some of the best footballers in Hongkong, permitted to play in all local competitions, but barred from an Interport by reason of a rule, which I am sure, was never meant to apply under such circumstances.

PLAYERS DENIED RIGHTS

SO far as I know only one serious attempt has been made to amend this rule, and then the idea was to contract it, by imposing a ban on all players who worked in Canton, irrespective of whether they resided in Hongkong or not. I do not think overtures have ever been made to Shanghai to effect an amendment which would relieve the paradoxical position of these Canton players. And all the while potential Interporters are being denied the right which is theirs by virtue of being members of the Hongkong F.A., and the Interport selectors are suffering from tied hands.

SIMPLE PROPOSITION

IT seems such a simple proposition. Without in any way depriving the competition of a residential qualification ruling, or in any form obtaining an unfair advantage over Shanghai and the other Ports, Rule 12 could be amended to do away

with an intolerable situation. To select for the Interport team footballers, who daily move and have their being in Canton, would today violate the principle and spirit of a rule, but it would not affect Shanghai in the slightest. Shanghai could never be in the position to call on the services of such players. On the other hand Hongkong have an indisputable right to these players in so far as they participate in all phases of local football.

EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE TO AMEND

EVEN the fact that the Hongkong F.A., has no residential qualification ruling in connection with its own competitions, or even any prescribed radius between a player's clubhouse and his residence, in no way affects the matter under discussion. The Interport competition has rules of its own, which can, by mutual consent be amended, declared null and void, or added to, in such a way as may be deemed fit. It is too late this season to approach Shanghai with a view to altering Rule 12, but the Hongkong F.A. might well do so before the next visit to the North. Hongkong is definitely handicapped at the present time through this rule, and as the whole aim of the Interport competition is to place in the field the best representative teams possible, it is reasonable to expect Shanghai and Tientsin to agree to any amendment in the rule which will facilitate this aim being fulfilled.

TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP

Perry And Hughes In Second Round

London, Jan. 3. In the Australian lawn tennis championships to-day, the English pair, Perry and Hughes, won their way into the second round. Perry defeated Mahoney, and Hughes defeated Robertson in straight sets.

Miss Joan Hartigan, acting on doctor's orders, has withdrawn from the Australian championships. Reuter.

The following will represent the Kowloon Indians' Tennis Club in their Mamak game with the Central British on Sunday at 4 p.m. on the C.I.A. ground:—
Rumman; Karnail Singh, (Capt.), and Amrik Singh; J. Noronha, T. Singh and Mohinder Singh; J. Singh, Pinito, G. Singh, Sousa and D. Noronha.—H. Singh and Pereira. Reserves.—H. Singh and Pereira.

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HAMMOND HITS CENTURY

GREAT INNINGS FOR M.C.C.

LEATHER HUNTING FOR BARBADOS

Barbados, Jan. 3. After their disappointing display against a local team during the New Year holidays, the M.C.C. to-day showed a big improvement when they met a fully representative team of Barbados in a three day encounter.

The visitors enjoyed first occupation of the wicket, and kept Barbados in the field all day, scoring 352 for the loss of six wickets before the close.

Wally Hammond, the prolific Gloucestershire run-getter, was in characteristically aggressive mood, completely collaring the Barbados attack to hit up 158 not out. His batting was exhilarating.

R. E. S. Wyatt, the M.C.C. skipper, touched some of his best form to contribute 65.—Reuter.

LEAGUE CRICKET

Ballard and Forsyth Rout Medicals

Magnificent bowling by Corporal Ballard (seven for 13) and Pte. Forsyth (three for 13) caused the dismissal of the Royal Army Medical Corps, and gave the Royal Army Service Corps victory by 73 runs in a Junior Division League match at Sookunpoo yesterday afternoon.

After dismissing the Service Corps for the low total of 103 runs, the Medicals found Ballard and Forsyth bowling at the top of their form, and only one batsman, Major Bonavia, reached double figures. All the wickets were clean bowled. Ballard practically won the match on his own account, as he had scored 28 runs when the Service Corps batted, and in partnership with Capt. Welch saved his side from collapse. Scores:

R. A. S. C.

Capt. Kinn, b Apps	10
Dr. Clark, b Apps	15
Capt. Welch, b Goult	22
Cpl. Ballard, b Trimble	28
L/Cpl. Crawford, b Goult	0
L/Sgt. Flood, c and b Apps	0
Brig. Seth Smith, b Apps	0
Cpl. Rogers, b Bonavia	12
S. Q. M. S. Digby, not out	2
Pte. Forsyth, c Trimble, b Bonavia	5
L/Cpl. Cooper, b Trimble	0
Extras	9

Total

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Goult	13	1	45	2
Apps	15	4	28	4
Bonavia	6	1	11	2
Trimble	32	—	10	2

R. A. M. C.

Major Bonavia, b Forsyth	11
Cpl. Colledge, c and b Ballard	3
Pte. Morris, b Ballard	3
Capt. Trimble, b Forsyth	1
Pte. Snook, b Ballard	0
L/Cpl. Goult, b Ballard	0
Pte. Saunders, b Ballard	1
L/Cpl. Leigh, b Forsyth	1
L/Cpl. Meadows, b Ballard	2
Pte. Apps, b Ballard	1
Cpl. Catt, not out	5
Extras	4

Total

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Ballard	10	1	13	7
Forsyth	10	4	13	3

Will secretaries of hockey clubs having fixtures with the Central British Association please communicate the dates of those games to Mr. J. J. King, c/o Messrs Falconer and Co., Union Building, as the Club's official fixture list has been mislaid.

Ladies Disappoint In Hockey Trial

POOR FORM BY HALF BACKS

(By R.H.B.)

The Hongkong ladies gave a poor display in their first interport hockey trial match at King's Park yesterday afternoon. A second trial is to be held on Monday afternoon and unless better form is forthcoming the Selectors will be faced with a ticklish problem.

The Colours forward line and half-backs who played yesterday look suspiciously like being the final selection.

Miss O. Brown, easily the fastest runner in local ladies' hockey, is practically assured of a place on the left wing. Yesterday she displayed her usual bursts of speed and gave Miss Jakes a lot of work to do.

Miss Margaret Woolley, the probable leader of the Hongkong attack against Shanghai, scored both goals for the Colours, while Miss Joan Churchill, who took over the position of centre-forward for the Whites in the second half scored their goal.

It is understood that Miss Churchill will not be participating in the Interport game. This will be a definite blow as she is practically assured of the position of inside-left with Miss Brown on the left flank.

HALVES UNIMPRESSIVE
Miss H. Knill, on the right wing for the Colours, put in some very good centres with hard hitting, while Miss M. Remedios, on the left wing for the Whites, did splendid work in the first half.

None of the half-backs on view impressed very much, while of the full-backs, Miss F. K. Walker and Miss E. M. Gray were safe.

Miss A. Fowler indulged, as is usual, in lusty hitting. In this category Miss Fowler stands alone but she is not a safe choice for the final team. Miss M. Basto cleared well but she is too much inclined to infringe with "sticks" when completing her stroke.

The goalkeepers, Mrs. R. Rose and Miss B. Hance, had little to do and were never seriously tested.

Training Boy Footballers

1,000 SCHOOLS ACCEPT PLAN

More than 1,000 schools, it is understood, have expressed readiness to accept the Football Association's plan for the expert coaching in football of boys in secondary schools throughout the country.

This means that about 250,000 boys will have the opportunity of learning the theory and technique of the game under exceptional conditions.

The scheme has already been put into operation in Essex and Middlesex, but it will not be working fully until next season.

The coaches are to be mainly old professionals, and about 60 will be required.

They will visit each school, three times, give demonstrations with the ball, supervise team play, and deliver lectures with the aid of a blackboard.

For each visit they are to be paid £1 11s. 6d.

Another important development to be undertaken is the preparation of an instructional film to be shown in the schools. It is intended that this should be about 2,000ft. long, lasting 35 minutes on the screen.

The full cost of the scheme is to be borne by the Football Association, and it is estimated that the expenses of the coaching will amount at first to about £2,000 a year.

I do not think so wealthy a body will hesitate to spend this sum on such important work, which ought to lead to raising the standard of play.



R. E. S. WYATT.

TRAINING NOTES

PONIES WHICH SHAPE WELL

EARLY START ON FASTER WORK

(By "Capt. Foster")

Training for the Annual Race Meeting has been steadily going on for some considerable time, but work has been more or less confined to building and muscling up the animals. This important part of preparation has been accomplished, and training now advances to the concluding stage of faster work, which is of course, by far the most interesting period.

There is, however, no doubt that the art of training has undergone a great change, say, of ten years ago, and we do not now see the fast work of that period. In those days, it was customary to see fast times registered every Wednesday and Saturday morning. Ponies then more often than not were hard-riden down the straight to register a final quarter in 30 seconds. It must not be overlooked that we then raced the "pukka" China pony, a hardy animal noted for the tremendous amount of work which he could undergo. The cross-breeds that we race to-day are more highly strung in temperament, and therefore, do not require the hard preparation of those days. This accounts for the long slow centering work which we are now accustomed to see.

DERBY PROSPECTS

Compared with the last two or three years, I think we shall see a large falling off in the entries for the Hongkong Derby, but the large stables will all be represented. The "Soldier" Stable has a very handsome blood-like Brown, and he looks every part a "class" animal.

Mrs. Pearce, in addition to Trowbridge, has a fine looking Bay Mare which moves nicely.

Kong Stable lost a good looking (Continued on Page 9.)

SMASHING WIN FOR MCAVOY

Brilliant Tactics And Big Punch

BRITISH CHAMP IN FORM

London, Dec. 4.

"I thought the roof had fallen in."

That was the quaint comment last night by Kid Tunero, the middle-weight from Cuba, on the mighty right-hand uppercut from Jock McAvoy, with which the British champion smashed him to defeat in the seventh round, at Belle Vue, Manchester.

"Your champion—he is a lawbreaker," complained the coloured fighter sorrowfully—and that about fills the description of McAvoy's winning effort.

The punch which sent a record crowd of 7,500 into transports of delight, was one of the best and at the same time most vicious I have seen for a long time. Tunero had been artfully lured into making a false lead, and as he came within range McAvoy stepped in and whipped his right glove up to the chin. Tunero shot straight on to his back, as though a hammer had struck him, and though he struggled up, and took two more tumblers before a towel was tossed in to signal defeat, I shall always be convinced that he was beaten in one punch.

(Continued on Page 9.)

TRIANGULAR TOURNAMENT GAME FEATURES

UNIVERSITY START LEAGUE PROGRAMME TO-MORROW

ARMY'S PROSPECTS AGAINST CRAIGENGOWER

(By R. Abbit)

Seldom have I known a more unpleasant day than last Tuesday, when the last of the Triangular Tournament games was played. The weather in the morning was so inclement, that a start could not be made at eleven, and eventually it was decided to take an early tiffin, and start at 1.15 or so. Actually a start was made at half past one. The wicket was greasy on top and hard underneath, and the ball cut through quickly. It certainly did not favour the batsmen, but was not bad enough to excuse the complete collapse of the Navy.

Redmond bowled very steadily and soon had Branwell following one across that ran away from him; Owen Hughes made no mistake with the catch. After that though Redmond sent down seven overs off each of which, but one maiden, a single was scored he did not get more wickets and Hayward put on Ricketts.

Meanwhile Acci Bowker, whose length of bowling seems to improve with length of years, was sending them down in very deadly fashion and had got rid of Parke-Smith and Penfield. The change, however, was sound, as Hargreaves and Sturdee looked like settling down, when he got one, to go straight through and had the latter l.b.w. The rest of the story was just "one damned wicket after another," until with the courage of despair, Crunden clumped Ricketts straight twice for four. The first, however, should have been caught in the deep, and Ricketts should have had four wickets for four runs. Apart from his accurate bowling Bowker fielded beautifully as usual and took a nice catch.

CLUB'S POOR START

For a few minutes it looked as if the Club were going to repeat the Navy's collapse, but they have, battling all the way through.

The hero of the occasion was Clayton, who stood right up to Briggs and Crunden and really kept uncommonly well.

He took Ride smartly, and next ball but one whipped off a ball to stump Alec Pearce who had his back foot up for a very short time. Just afterwards he caught Duckitt off one which ran away a bit and then when Stewart and Baines had improved things a bit, caught the former off Briggs who was keeping a very fine pace and length, though perhaps not doing as much with the ball as was Crunden.

Incidentally I thought Stewart might have been taken early on at first slip off Crunden, but the visibility was so poor that I could not be sure if it was a fair chance or not.

However, here the success of the Navy ended and Hayward and Baines, who played a very nice watchful knock, got the runs. When he was taken at cover off Hargreaves the game was won. Ricketts and Redmond had a bang or two, but the game was abandoned.

CONCLUSIONS

On the whole things worked out according to form though, the Club at full strength is in my opinion definitely a better team than either the Army or the Navy. The latter side rely far too much on Branwell for their runs, and beyond Briggs and Crunden, have not very strong bowling. But the Club will have to have out their best side to beat the United Services at Chinese New Year. If Poter-Hunt's fielding against the Army is his usual form, and if he can get some practice I fancy he should be the only alteration in the team that played on Tuesday. One hopes that this—the only two-day match—will not be ruined by the weather.

I am glad to see that the old established Past and Present cricket match is still kept up at the University. It only seems the other day that Hippola was playing for the Varsity, but I believe he has been down for quite a long time. The Present made quite a good show, although they lost.

TO-MORROW'S GAMES

And that reminds me that the University 1st XI play their first League game to-morrow at Pokfulam against the Navy. The latter team are well used to matting and I rather favour their chances, though I must admit that as yet I know very little of the University's cricket this year. If they could get Branwell out cheaply anything might happen.

It is rather a commentary on the uselessness of averages to see that the Army, for the match against Craigengower, have dropped Captain Michell, who heads their bowling with 23 wickets for 6.38 apiece. Elvin and Bonavia are both spin bowlers and as he has been out of luck in batting I suppose they are giving him a rest. If the game were to be played at Sookunpoo I should strongly fancy the Army's chances, but on the Craigengower wicket anything may happen. Still I think the soldiers will win.

In much the same way I should have no doubt of the Club beating the Revere at home, but there is just a chance that on the King's Park ground something might happen. However, it will be very surprising if the Club does not win. At Happy Valley it is possible that the Civil Service will hold K.C.C. Ricketts to a draw, though frankly I doubt it. The I.R.C. have no game.

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M.C.C. EXPERIMENT MAY HAVE EFFECT

MR. FINDLAY PUTS FAITH IN NEW LBW RULE

"BODYLINE" BOWLING: HINT TO COUNTY CAPTAINS

Mr. W. Findlay, secretary of the M.C.C., made a number of important statements at the annual meeting of county cricket secretaries at Lord's recently.

Speaking of the Test matches he said: "The Australians were a better side than we and deserved their success. They taught our bowlers the value of length."

"Perhaps the new lbw rule, which is to be the subject of experiment next season, may encourage bowlers of the type of Alfred Shaw and J. T. Hearne. Shaw and Hearne had complete control of their length and rarely pitched a ball short or too far up unless they meant to do something."

NOT TOO MUCH

With regard to statements made in certain quarters that a heavy responsibility will be placed on umpires in preventing bowling which constitutes a direct attack

on the batsman, Mr. Findlay said he did not think the extra responsibility would be too much. Good-length bowling would help to kill this type of attack quicker than anything else.

"County captains," he added, "were very helpful years ago in assisting to abolish throwing, and I think county captains will be able to assist again. M.C.C. must issue to umpires full and clear instructions."

The South Africans will be here next season, and in extending to them a warm welcome, Mr. Findlay said that in the event of neither side having gained an advantage in the first four Tests (each of three days), the last Test match at the Oval, will be allotted six days.

Mr. Findlay also made an interesting announcement regarding entertainments tax.

"During the early part of the year," he said, "the M.C.C. committee obtained counsel's opinion in regard to entertainments tax on members' subscriptions and entrance fees."

"Opinion was sought as to the justification or otherwise of the principle that in cases where members only are admitted to the pavilion, the value of such admission is to be based on the highest charge, or a proportion of the highest charge, made to the public on such occasions for their accommodation, it being borne in mind that so far as the public are concerned the charge includes entrance money, plus stand money."

"The M.C.C. committee were advised that there is no legal means of challenging the rulings of the commissioners on the principle, although counsel disagreed with this conclusion of the commissioners on this subject."

"In regard to entrance fees the commissioners were informed that in the opinion of the M.C.C. committee it was inequitable to tax entrance fees on the basis that the whole entrance fee is to be treated as additional subscription payable for the first year."

"I regret to say, however, that the commissioners were unyielding. It is felt that the action of the commissioners in assessing entertainments tax in this matter cannot fail to have an injurious effect on county cricket finances."

Smashing Victory For Jock McAvoy

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There was so much shouting and confusion when the Cuban hit the floor that no one could hear the time-keeper's count.

The referee, operating inside the ropes, took up the call some seconds after Tunero went down, and officially the fight was resumed at the count of "nine." I counted Tunero to be on the canvas for eleven seconds.

He lay flat on his back. Then he struggled to his knees, only to sprawl halfway across the ring to collapse again.

Still, all was well.

McAvoy, elated but relentless, gave him no chance to pull round.

He beat him down again with a look in the jaw, and as Tunero came but semi-conscious, struggled up, McAvoy put the issue beyond doubt by smashing him half through the ropes with a final swinging right.

In came the towel, and they carried Tunero out, leaving the English champion to dance a jig of triumph.

It was a brilliant effort, and was the more dramatic because when the winning punch was put over the crowd was becoming a trifle impatient at the endless fiddling and sparring.

McAvoy took the first three rounds in a row by his usual storming body punching, but he found Tunero as quick as a cat in skipping clear of any blow aimed at a vital point.

Tunero had a good left, even if it was a lightly delivered one; his defence was shifty and puzzling, and he had an uncanny knack of "riding" blows to minimise their force.

Occasionally he would vary his flicking left leads by a hefty drive to the body which made even McAvoy pause.

McAvoy, in fact, seemed almost timid by the fourth round. It appeared as if he did not know quite what to make of an elusive, slippery rival—how to corner him for a solid hit.

Afterwards he explained to me why he abandoned aggression and took to finesse.

"I would have chased that Cuban all night and not caught him with a knock-out," he said. "So I gave it up and made him come to me."

"He was not to be caught by a hook or swing, so I waited until he came close enough for an upper-cut—and then I let him have it."

McAvoy's knock-out would have stayed in a door, and Tunero was still dizzy when I saw him in his dressing-room.

McAvoy's performance reads like an outstanding one—and it was. He made a clever boxer very ordinary, revealed an astute fighting brain by a change of tactics at the right time, and terrific punching power when his big chance came.

McAvoy on this showing has advanced still further since last I saw him. Can he win the world's championship from Marcel Thil?

Tunero started this story, so he had better finish it.

"Yes, most certainly, your McAvoy will beat Thil. I think he would knock him out like he did me."

Byes into second round: Mrs. Fitzgerald v. Mrs. K. S. Robertson; Mrs. Newbigging v. Miss Mackie; Miss C. B. Robinson v. Mrs. Forbes; Mrs. Gilmore v. Mrs. A. K. Mackenzie;



Warner Oland, Drue Layton and Raymond Milland as they appear in the latest Charlie Chan thriller "Charlie Chan in London", which starts a run at the King's Theatre on Sunday. Appearing on the stage in conjunction with this film, will be the Hollywood Blondes, who have taken Hongkong by storm.

Training Notes: Ponies Which Shape Well

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Dark Brown, but the stable has a "classy" looking Liver Chestnut Mare with a White Blaze, and a shapely Dun.

Mr. Dunbar has, I think, four, and they all look well.

Mr. Ho Kom Tong has a number of griffins in training. I like a "grey" but, I understand, his Chestnut is considered his best, and was bought in Shanghai after a time gallop of 3-06 for the mile and a half.

The "View" Stable has a breezy Chestnut and a nice moving Bay Mare, which is a little on the small side.

Messrs. Mackie and Grayburn have a good looking Chestnut in Derby Day (Dr. S. N. Chau.) Southern Cross (Mr. Leong Kwok Cheong.)

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AUSTRALIAN PONIES

The new Australian Ponies are shaping well, and some fast gallops have already been registered. The ponies which appeal to me at the moment are

Derby Day (Dr. S. N. Chau.) Southern Cross (Mr. Leong Kwok Cheong.)

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NEW SUB GRIFFINS

In my next article I shall have more to say regarding the new Subscription griffins. They are, in my opinion, the best batch that has been brought down, and I expect to see plenty of good racing amongst them this year. I understand that Mr. W. H. Choy had to destroy his "Sub" Blue Riband, which was a promising animal.

The best performance shown to date is undoubtedly that of No. 70 (so far unnamed) owned by Mr. Chan Wing Yung. He has covered the mile and a half in 3-28 but finished—all out—in 37 seconds. I cannot say that it was a well ridden gallop as the first mile in 2-14 was much too fast, and took too much out of the animal, hence the poor finish.

Other "subs" that show possibilities are

Invisible Knight owned by (Dr. Lee Shiu Kee and Ho Shai Cheong.) Touchstone (Mr. Brish.) Valley View (Mr. Lam.) Gold Picker (L.T.F.) Wadebridge (Mrs. Pearce.) Sci-Fa (Messrs. Lewis & Tinson.)

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GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

The draw has been made for the Royal Hongkong Golf Club Ladies' Section championship, Captain's Cup and the "Ross" Cup competitions to be played for during the next two months.

The draw for the Championship event resulted as follows:

First round: Mrs. J. B. Ross v. Miss Stevenson; Mrs. Rodgers v. Mrs. Williamson; Mrs. Wren v. Mrs. Sheldon; Mrs. Cassidy v. Mrs. Roffey;

Byes into second round: Mrs. Fitzgerald v. Mrs. K. S. Robertson; Mrs. Newbigging v. Miss Mackie; Miss C. B. Robinson v. Mrs. Forbes; Mrs. Gilmore v. Mrs. A. K. Mackenzie;

WOMEN'S SQUASH RACQUETS

FINE PLAY IN CHAMPIONSHIPS

TERRIFIC SPEED MAINTAINED

London, Dec. 4.

The opening rounds for the championship of women's squash rackets—that fast, noisy game played in a small court in a minimum of clothing—began yesterday at Queen's Club, Baron's-court, W., with Miss Susan Noel, the present champion and best woman player in the world, looking on as a spectator to see who was most likely to win her undefended title.

Sixty-four top-rank players had entered, in the hope of carrying off the title Miss Noel has held for the last three years and which she is only relinquishing now because she has even more serious ambitions for lawn tennis than for squash courts.

Squash rackets as a woman's game has developed out of all recognition in the last two or three years. The young competitors at Queen's Club this week are among the world's fastest and best women players, and they bring an immense seriousness and enthusiasm to the game.

Most of them come off the court limp and scarlet-faced, and the noise echoing up from the enclosed field of battle reminds one of a school half-holiday in a swimming-bath.

The great popularity of squash among women is at first a little hard for the outsider to understand, for there are no frivolous reasons for playing it.

VIOLENT EXERCISE

It is difficult and often boring to watch, the players look far from their best, it is hard and noisy, and there are no social attractions included—like the tea interval at a cricket match or the open-air excitement of tournament tennis.

The young women who play squash are usually fairly serious athletes, and play for the simple reason that it is an excellent game.

It is particularly a busy woman's game, offering violent exercise in a brief time and a small space. It develops a superb quickness of eye, brain, and hand like no other game in the world.

A few years ago, shorts on the squash court were exciting a good deal of unfavourable comment. Now a skirt is a conspicuous exception.

SHORTS IN PLENTY

Nearly every player yesterday afternoon went on in short-skirted or sleeveless blouse, and every known variety of shorts—from those superbly tailored ones that are nothing more or less than a short divided skirt to the unflattering belted and pocketed small boy's model.

It is an odd fact, though, that the finalists in these championships are almost invariably from among the few skirt-wearers who compete. Miss Noel, the present champion, always plays in a skirt; so does Miss M. Lumb, the player most highly fancied as her successor.

The greater success of the skirted players is not, however, a pure success of old-fashioned modesty, but partly, as Miss Noel rather cynically says, "because if you're wearing a skirt it's harder for your opponent to see the ball."

The shorts-wearers yesterday, however, did their best to make the dark ball invisible to each other by wearing black or navy blue shorts.

Mrs. Whyte Smith v. Mrs. Lissaman; Mme. Lufford v. Mrs. Sommerfeld; The first round is to be played by January 19, the second round by February 2, the third round by February 16 and Semi-finals by February 27. The final is to be arranged later.

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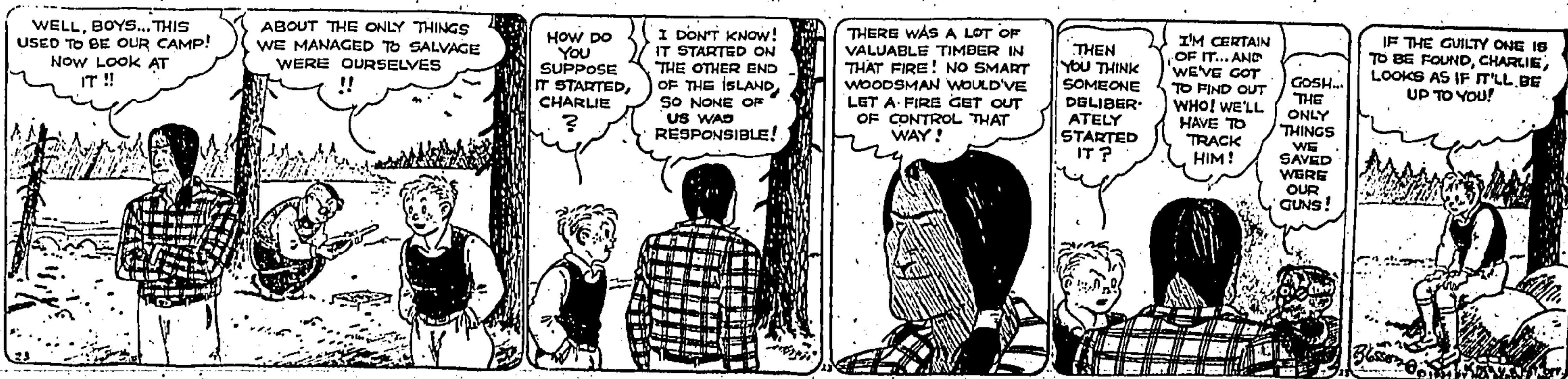
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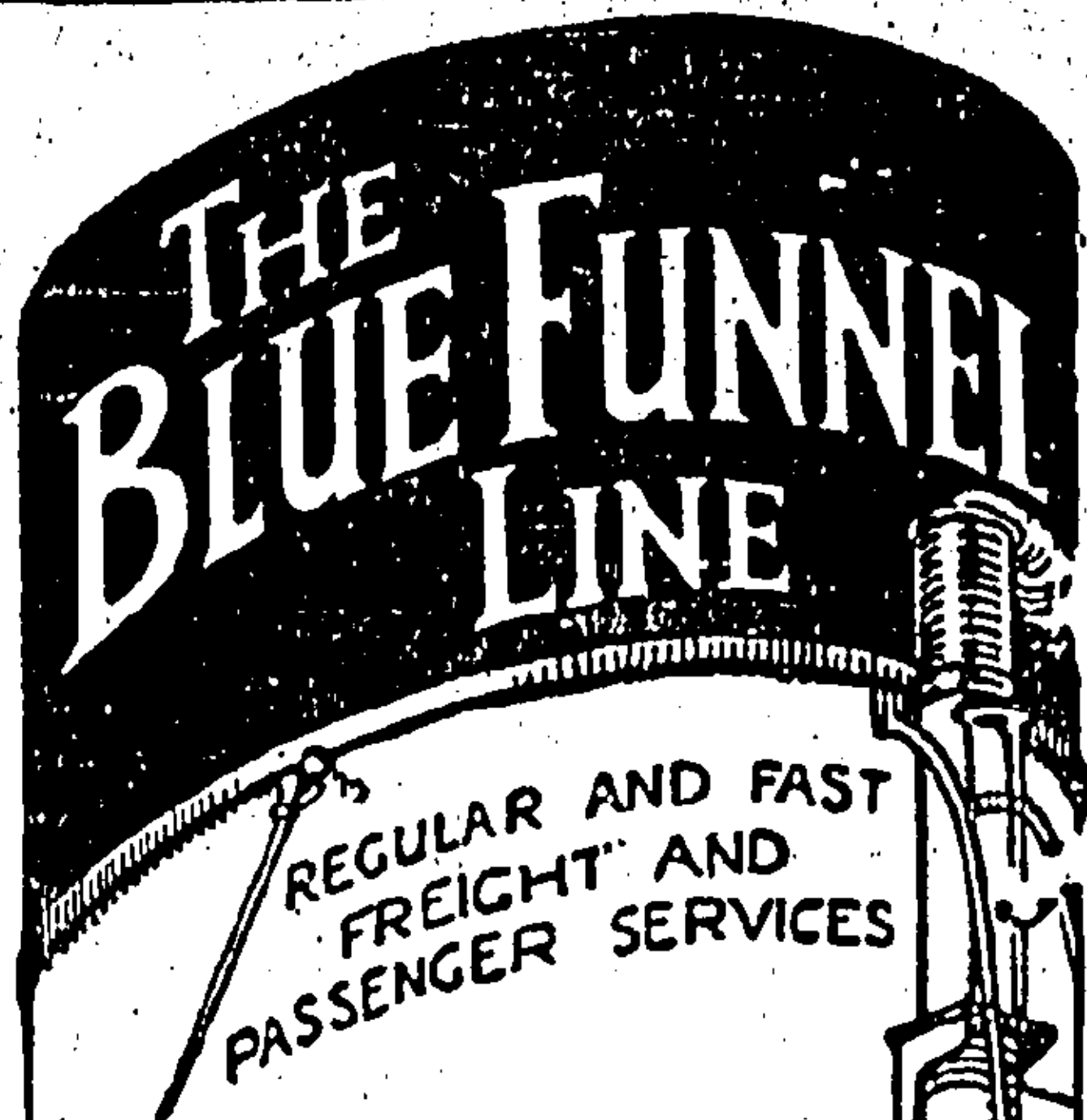
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SERIAL STORY—

Lovable

By MARY RAYMOND



Tony and Ann moved rhythmically, easily on the crowded floor.

BEGIN HERE TO-DAY

ANN HOLLESTER, pretty and 29, with the family antique in her eyes, was a young woman, stopped by motor trouble, came to her home to telephone. After he leaves Ann finds a blue vase missing and in its place a note signed "R.K." and £20.

Ann gets work as a librarian and becomes friendly with SARAH KENT, also employed at the library. She meets TONY MICKLE, commercial artist, and is attracted by him, though Sarah warns her that Tony is fickle and irresponsible.

The chief librarian sends Ann to see rich old PETER KENDALL, factory owner, to obtain permission to open a branch library in Kendallwood, factory community. Ann is unsuccessful. Returning, her car almost collides with a roadster driven by a young man. It is the same young man who stopped at Ann's home in Georgia. They talk and Ann discloses her failure to interview the factory owner.

Later word comes that Peter Kendall has agreed to the opening of the library.

Ann realizes she is falling in love with Tony.

CHAPTER VI

Tony and Ann became engaged the following Saturday. Lying in the sand, his blue eyes warmly approved Ann's firmly moulded, healthfully tanned young body. Tony said, "It looks as though that contract is a cinch. And a very good thing for us."

"Why?"

"You like to eat regularly, don't you?"

"I do," said Ann, her gray-brown eyes turned steadily seaward as a warm tide of colour crept upward in her cheeks. "But what has your contract to do with me?"

"Little nut," said Tony. "Pre-tending not to understand. You know we're getting married, don't you?"

Ann turned and met his challenging eyes. Her happy laugh was smothered suddenly as Tony pulled her close in his arms, kissed her lips, eyes, hair and soft throat.

She drew away, leaping to her feet. "Tony, we're on the beach!"

"I don't care," he said. "Besides we're engaged, aren't we?"

"Once you to the point and decide on the way," Ann said breathlessly.

They reached the point. Ann was more breathless, her heart pounding joyously. Tony, not winded at all, gazed down at her eagerly, expectantly.

"Is it yes?" Then, without waiting for her answer, he crushed her to him again.

"Yes yes," Ann said simply.

They sat down on the sand, her head against his shoulder. She was a little sobered in spite of the joyous excitement. She had known Tony such a short time. And, although they had been seeing each other every day for weeks, he was in many ways still a stranger.

She tried to explain some of this to him, but it was impossible with his lips an ardent barrier against her words.

Tony said frankly, "I never thought I was a marrying man. With so many marriages going on the rocks it seemed a lot of trouble and waste of time to tie yourself up with a wedding and then go to the expense and trouble of having somebody cut it for you. See?"

Ann didn't exactly see. Tony didn't believe marriages could last. Perhaps not even theirs! The thought made her a little sick.

"Maybe ours will be different," Tony conceded as the silence grew. "Anyway we're getting married. Soon."

"When is soon?" asked Ann, practically.

"As soon as I can put aside enough for the down payment on a ring. It won't be a headlight, Ann. Just a little glimmer."

They were walking toward the bathhouses now. Ann gave his arm a squeeze. It was so perfectly delectable of him, thinking of the ring.

Later, eating dinner in the pavilion, the first little rift in her happiness came. Ann became conscious of the girl seated at a table near by. For some reason, she disliked the slim girl with the dark eyes. There was no reason for this except that her stare was so bold, so direct, and at times a half-mocking smile about her lips.

When the girl and her escort arose to leave the girl stopped behind Tony,

placing a hand on his shoulder. "Surprised?" she drawled.

"Hello," said Tony. He introduced Ann to the girl—Eileen Wallace—and her escort.

The name meant nothing to Ann. But she was amazed to feel a little anger when Tony reached up to take the girl's hand and continued to hold it.

While Ann was talking to the girl's escort, she heard Eileen Wallace say in a low voice, "You promised to call. You didn't."

"Busy as the devil—all day," Tony answered.

"Yes, I know."

"When they were gone Ann asked, 'Who is she, Tony?'"

"He lit a cigarette before replying. There was a touch of irritation in his voice."

"I thought I introduced you, Eileen Wallace."

Eileen Wallace said, "So you did. But an introduction doesn't give one the picture."

"Oh, you want a character sketch," Tony said easily. "Well, then—"

"Girl-about-town nicely sums it up. Look here, Ann, you're not going jealous on me, are you? How I hate a jealous woman!"

"No," said Ann. "I promise I won't. That is, I won't show it. It's showing it that is so horrid. I'd never be a shrew."

She laughed a little uncertainly. "Our house was between two families who made a lot of noise. On one side, kids whooping and yelling. Dad and I didn't mind that. But on the other side a man and his wife were always cowering. It was awful. Dad said it was a good lesson for me that I could learn to discriminate about noises."

Tony said, "You're a little philosopher, Ann." He reached over and caught her hand, gripping it hard.

"We may row like the devil, but I'll always love you."

"No," said Ann. "Rows are out."

They finished the celebration by dancing. What matter if they were part of a motley crowd? They were alone, Tony and Ann, clinging closely to each other, moving rhythmically, easily on the crowded floor.

At 12 o'clock Ann kicked off her pumps and slipped into her slippers like a gown.

"How you can keep up this pace," Sarah grumbled sleepily, as Ann crawled into bed, "I don't see."

"I won't much longer," Ann launched her bombshell, "I'm getting married."

"Ann, you're not!" Sarah was wide awake now. She reached for the bed lamp and flooded the room with a soft light. Ann's luminous eyes met hers.

"No need to ask who the lucky devil is. Are you sure? Tony's an awful risk."

"He's going to settle down. Wait and see."

"Oh, yeah! Well, when do I kiss the bridegroom?"

"Soon," Ann said vaguely, remembering Tony had said, "Soon."

Sarah, not too optimistically, waited for signs of Tony's "settling down."

They were not forthcoming. Tony went blithely and gaily on his way.

Ann explained loyally that Tony had to have recreation. He was working himself to death over his new contract, trying hard to get ahead.

But Ann was troubled. There were shadows under her eyes. She and Sarah almost came to an open quarrel one night when Tony, assisted by an obliging taxi driver, arrived at the apartment. "I won't have drinks—no matter who they are—cluttering up my living room," Sarah declared.

She had been none too sympathetic when Ann made black coffee for Tony, drove him home and then came back to cry herself to sleep.

Tony had been so repentant afterward that even Sarah had felt faintly hopeful.

But September passed, October wound, November came and went and it was December. Still Ann wore no ring.

She told herself she must be sensible. How could the down payment ever be managed when Tony was so extravagant about flowers, dinners, and dancing?

Tonight, for instance, they were planning to dance at the Blue Jug. Hebbie Wilson's orchestra was playing there and, no matter how extravagant, Tony would not miss his favourite.

"Let's Sarah said, coming in and tossing her hat aside. "Well, wasn't this a day? I don't know when I've seen such a mob wanting hooks. Oh, Ann, I have a message for you! I met Tony and he asked me to tell you something important had come up and he couldn't make it to-night. Said he'd explain later."

"You mean he isn't coming?"

"That's what he said."

"Funny, he didn't phone."

"Goodness, you don't expect Tony to be conventional? Anyway, here's a break. Mac called this afternoon and asked me to secure a date for Dick Randall, a customer of his. Dick blew in with four tickets for Hebbie Kilron and asked me to get him a date. I've been working my poor brain overtime. Is there any good reason why you shouldn't be Dick's date?"

"I don't know—"

"It would be silly to sit here just because Tony's fled up."

"Who's Dick Randall?"

"I really don't think he's so hot. He goes with a pretty fast bunch, but what do you care? It won't hurt to be seen out with him once."

"Tony wouldn't like it."

"Tony?"

"Well, I'll go," Ann said.

She put on her new sky-blue dress, powdered her lovely skin that was a pearl satin, now that the summer tan had worn off, and went—not too happily.

It was while Ann was dancing that she met the eyes of Peter Kendall. He saw her and grinned, and Ann lifted her hand in gay salute as she wheeled past.

"There's Peter Kendall," Sarah said.

"Is the girl with him Valerie Bennett?" Ann asked.

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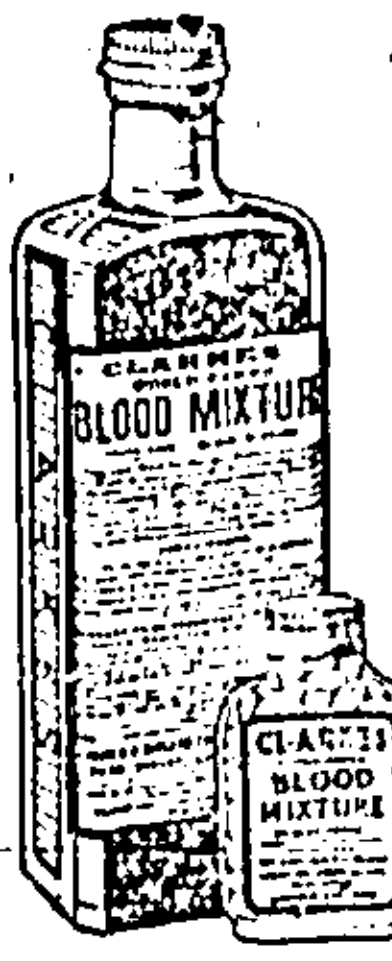
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Dennett girl must be leading Kendall around with blinders on. She certainly has him fooled."

"Peter's the original one-woman man," Sarah explained. "While Valerie Bennett—"

"She stopped."

"Surely she should be satisfied with one of the great Kennells," Ann's voice was puzzled.

"Did you ever know a woman to be satisfied?" Mac asked.

"Or a man either," Sarah retorted. "Look at the blonde at that table in the corner, pulling a Mac West on the old gentleman."

It was just as they were leaving that Ann heard Tony's laugh. Tony and his party were getting out of a car as Mac turned his car from the curb.

Ann had time to recognize the girl who was holding Tony's arm, smiling up at him. It was Eileen Wallace.

(To Be Continued).



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Lieut. Cmdr. F. H. E. Skyrme, formerly Anti-Piracy Officer and Instructor to the Hongkong Naval Volunteer Defence Force, and attached to the Commodore's staff on the Tamar, who recently resigned his commission to take over a special appointment with Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., relinquished his appointments with the Royal Navy to-day and sailed for Shanghai on the s.s. Yuensang.

Lieut. Cmdr. Skyrme has enjoyed immense popularity during his stay in Hongkong, both with civilians and Servicemen. In sporting circles he is also popular, having played cricket and polo for the Navy. In the former game he has shown himself to be a very useful batsman.

He first came to the China Station on the Submarine O.27, and went home to bring out the submarine. He returned to England in 1933 and came out to Hongkong again in February of last year as Anti-Piracy Officer, attached to the Commodore's Staff.

Lieut. Cmdr. Skyrme's successor, Lieut. Cmdr. R. S. Barry, is en route to Hongkong on board H.M.S. Herwick, which is due to arrive here on January 15. The duties of Anti-Piracy Officer will be taken over by Cmdr. D. Orr-Ewing, S. O. (O), Commodore's staff, in the interim.

CHINA GUARDS HER CREDIT

PRAISEWORTHY OBJECTIVE

London, Jan. 3. The announcement of the programme for the redemption of the Crisp Loan arrears by China is welcomed in the City. The Morning Post says that at a time when so many debtors are showing little regard either for the rights of creditors or for the state of their own credit, it is pleasant to record this effort of China's.

China has had her share of the trade depression but shows the most praiseworthy desire to maintain full faith with her creditors by a definite programme to overtake her arrears, the Post adds.—Reuter.

FRENCH LADY PIANISTE

MME. FLORIGNY NOW IN COLONY

An interesting visitor to Hongkong at present is Mme. Renee Florigny, the French pianist, who has often been called "the female Paderewski." She is to give a recital here shortly.

Mme. Florigny is at present on a world tour and has recently been giving a series of recitals at Peking, Tientsin and Shanghai. This is her first visit to Hongkong, although she has been in India and



the Far East for more than a year. She has with her a letter of commendation from the Viceroy of India and the Countess of Willingdon, for whom she gave a benefit concert in aid of the Viceroy's Earthquake Fund. She is making her tour with high recommendations from the French Minister of Foreign Affairs, and at Peking she appeared under the sponsorship of the French Legation.

Because the Chinese people are themselves so fond of music, Mme. Florigny declares that she specially likes giving concerts in China. In addition to her concert at the Grand Hotel de Pekin, she has also given recitals for students at Tsung Hua and Yenching Universities. She has also won wide acclaim in Japan as a pianist.

FINANCIAL RAPPROCHEMENT

Paris, Jan. 3. In financial circles here, the appointment of M. Jean Tannery as governor of the Bank of France is interpreted as indicating a rapprochement between the Bank of France and the money market.

PUISNE JUDGE ROBBED

HOUSE COOLIE SENT TO GAOL

Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell figured in the role of complainant before Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy this morning when he accused Li Shiu-shan, one of his domestic servants, on three charges of larceny of money.

The first count related to the theft of a ten-cent piece on January 1 from the residence of Mr. Justice Lindsell at 151, The Peak; the second accused the defendant of stealing \$20 on December 27; and the third charged the accused with theft of three one-pound notes on December 24.

The defendant pleaded guilty to all three charges.

Sub-Inspector H. Kirby, prosecuting, said defendant was employed by Mr. Justice Lindsell as house coolie and after a period of about two months various sums of money were found missing from the house including the three one-pound notes mentioned in the charges.

On December 29 after Mr. Justice Lindsell had lost two \$10 notes, he reported the matter to the police and as a result Sub-Inspector Kirby went to the house. Marked money was placed in a drawer and on January 1 the complainant found ten cents missing.

The defendant was searched and the marked ten-cent piece found in his jacket.

On the first two charges the defendant was sentenced to one month's hard labour, concurrent, and on the third he was given two weeks to run consecutively with the other sentence.

IN WIRELESS TOUCH

The following ships are expected to be in wireless communication with Hongkong to-day:—Kwelyang, Bremerhaven, Hawaii Maru, Szechuen, Nellore, Kohwa Maru, Wing Lee, Hydrangea, Muroran Maru, Kalgan, Darvel, Calchas, Hoshang, Burdwan, Taiping, Heclor, Empress of Japan, Toba Maru, Conte-Rosso, Naning, Tainan, Ixion, Bokuyo Maru, Hakozaki Maru, Chaksang, Canton, Yochow.

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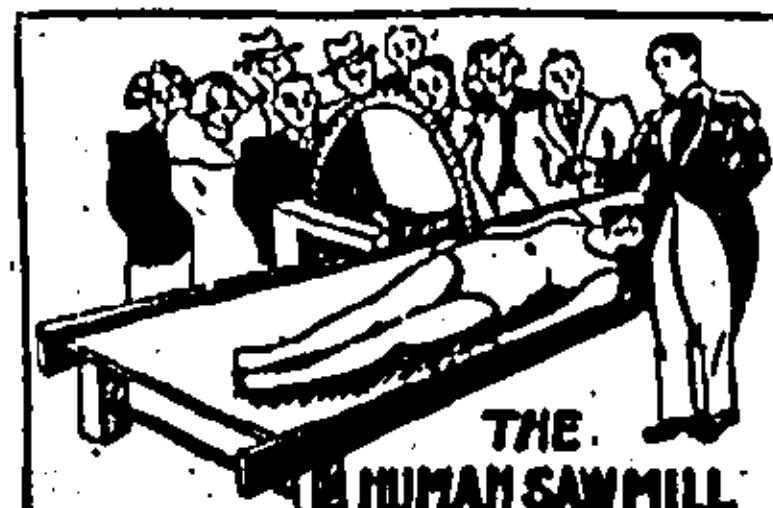
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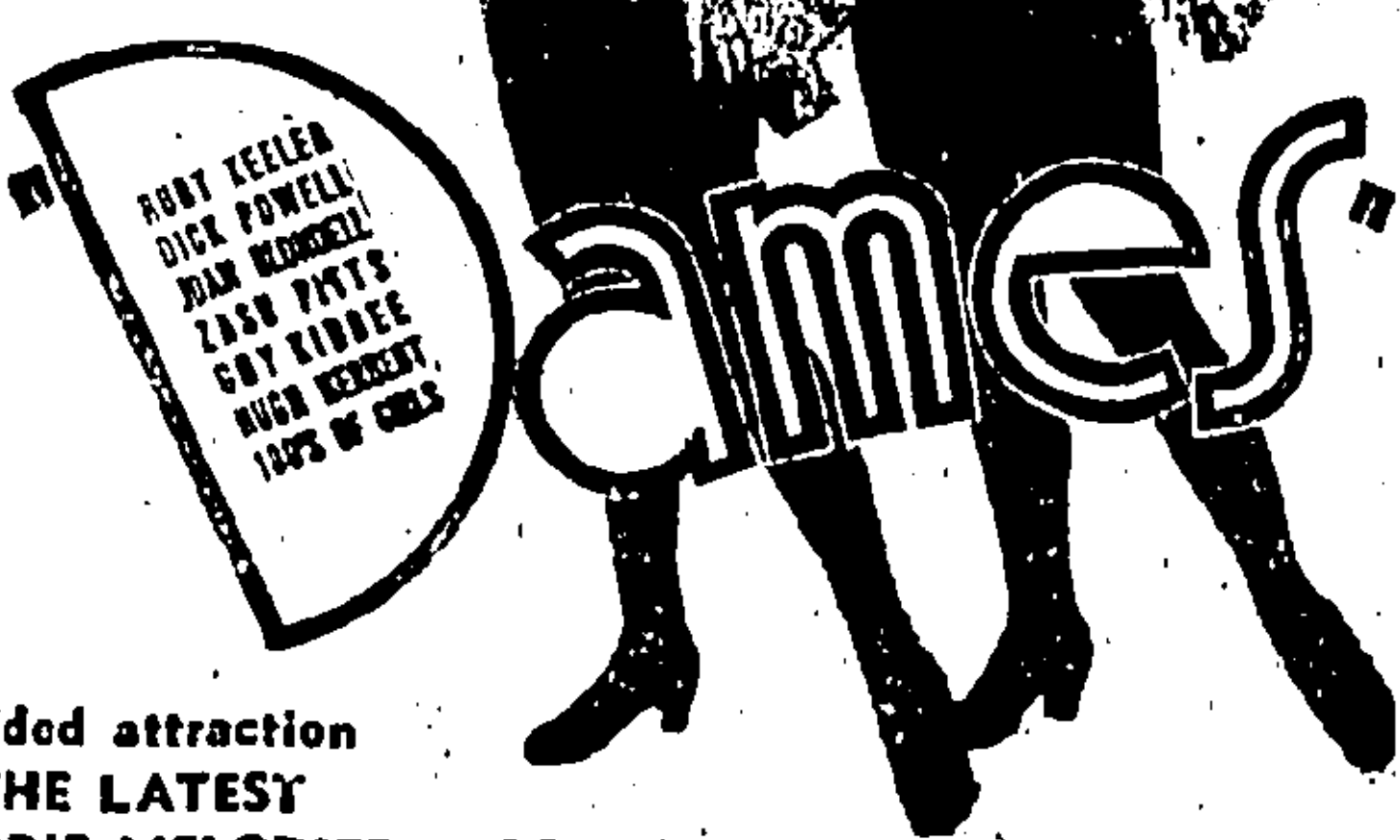
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